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A Pension Proposed for the Widow of President Lincoln.

Speech of Mr. Morrill on Reciprocity with Canada.

Debate on the Proposed Niagara Ship Canal.

Special Dispatches to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Thursday, Jan. 14.

Messrs. STUART, JOHNSON, NELSON and other members of the Virginia Committee called upon Gen. GRANT this morning at his headquarters, Gen. SCHOFIELD accompanying and introducing them severally. The interview was an exceedingly pleasant one. The conversation turned naturally upon the object which had drawn these gentlemen to Washington at this time, and the General expressed a warm desire that their mission might be successful in restoring peace and securing an acceptable Constitution for their State. The objections to the features of the Underwood Constitution were pointed out to him by some of the members, but it was evident that he had already considered and was extremely well acquainted with the whole subject. The General, as usual, did only a small share of the talking, but he made, upon the minds of his visitors, a very favorable impression upon his Southern visitors, who are glad to have his good wishes for their movement in this connection. It may be stated that an able and prominent Republican member from New-England told one of the Virginians, an old personal friend, that he had yet to meet a Republican who did not favor their movement; that they all desired to see it a success. The present position of this matter is that a bill from the House of Representatives is now before the Judiciary Committee of the Senate, providing for an election in May next. This bill does not alter the existing Reconstruction acts, which require a new registration of the voters prior to an election. This registration is deemed especially necessary in Virginia, because there has been no registration there for nearly a year and a half, and including the whites and blacks who have come of age, there are, as Gov. WELLS estimates, 25,000 persons entitled to register under the Reconstruction laws. These Gov. WELLS asked to have cut off, so as to insure the adoption of the Underwood Constitution. But this suggestion is not favored by Republican members of either House. Senator WILSON declares that he would not consent to the admission of Virginia under this Constitution. All the members who have examined the Constitution condemn it at once. There is a concurrence as to the general principles of a settlement, but until the Virginia deputation present their written plan it is not likely that any definite action will be taken by the Judiciary Committee.

BUSINESS IN CONGRESS.

Neither House accomplished anything of importance to-day. The morning hour in the House was occupied by the Committee on Territories with bills of a various character, regulating elections, prescribing boundaries, chartering railroads, &c., but they were all either postponed, laid over or lost for want of time. The bill prescribing the boundaries was postponed for three weeks from Saturday, because of the absence of the delegate from Utah. The proposed new boundaries reduce the Mormon kingdom to very small proportions.

THE ALABAMA CLAIMS.

The State Department is in receipt of further advices from BENJAMIN JOHNSON respecting the *Alabama* negotiations. Though not yet entirely complete, still further satisfactory progress has been made, and the present status of the matter is such as to warrant the belief that a favorable treaty will shortly be submitted to the Senate.

THE NIAGARA SHIP CANAL.

The entire day in the House, after the morning hour, was occupied in the discussion of the Niagara Ship Canal bill. Mr. VAN HORN opened the debate in a long speech in favor of the bill, and was followed by Mr. HUMPHREY, of Buffalo, against it. Mr. FARRS, of Wisconsin, spoke in favor of it, and the debate continued until 4 P. M., when the House adjourned without having reached a conclusion. A vote will probably be taken to-morrow. The bill probably will not pass.

AFFAIRS IN MISSISSIPPI.

Gen. GILLEM was before the Reconstruction Committee to-day, and was examined as to the state of affairs in Mississippi, and the manner in which the election was conducted. He said he had faithfully endeavored to execute the laws, and had sought the cooperation of all classes of people in the State, and had used his best endeavors to secure a fair election. He admitted, however, that a large majority of the officers and civil officers charged with the conduct of the election and preservation of the peace, were hostile to the object of the election, and that there were in consequence instances of violence, intimidation and possible fraud.

THE TARIFF BILL.

The Ways and Means Committee of the House daily continue the matter of amendments to the Tariff bill, but have not yet concluded any important clause. They considered the subject of wool to-day, but without results.

CONGRESSIONAL PRINTING.

The Joint Committee on Printing meet to-morrow at 11 o'clock, to open the proposals for printing and publishing the debates of Congress, now appearing in the *Congressional Globe*, which contract expires March 4, 1869. The Public Printer has been directed to furnish estimates of the cost of the work when done under Government auspices.

SENATORIAL CONTESTS.

The prompt nomination of Gen. BARNES by the Missouri Republican Legislative caucus, surprised many people here, as it was generally supposed that the combined opposition of LOAN, BRAGG and HENDERSON would be able to defeat a majority of the Representatives from that State now any there will be a bolt from the caucus, and HENDERSON's friends hope to be able to secure enough Republicans, which, united with the Democrats, will insure his election. It seems probable that the contest in Maine will also be carried into the Legislature. These are deplorable precedents, and can but result in destroying the caucus system altogether.

A PENSION FOR MRS. LINCOLN.

A bill was introduced in the Senate to-day by Mr. MORRILL to allow Mrs. LINCOLN an annual pension. No definite sum was specified, and Mr. SUMNER moved that it be made $5,000 per annum, asking at the same time for its immediate consideration. Mr. CONKLING and Mr. FESSENDEN objected, and it was referred to the appropriate Committee.

SUNDRIES IN THE SENATE.

After a long speech by Mr. MORRILL, of Vermont, against the renewal of the Reciprocity treaty with Canada, and a minority by Senator CHANDLER of Detroit, the vote during the rest of the remainder of the Capitol for the inaugurating ball the case of Eric Harbor was again taken up. A long debate ensued, the gist of which may be found elsewhere, followed, which it went over till to-morrow. Two propositions relative to it are now before the Senate, one being the motion of Senator FESSENDEN to refer it back to the Committee, and the other the substitute of Senator WILSON for the appointment of an Army Commission to examine into all claims of this character, one of which will probably pass to-morrow.

THE LINCOLN PENSION BILL.

The Retrenchment Committee, to which was referred the House bill repealing the Tenure-of-Office bill, has not had any consultation on the subject, but will reach it next week. It is believed, however, that the Committee will report in favor of its repeal, but it will meet with some opposition in the Senate. It will be debated at great length, as several Senators hold that it should have some check on the power of the President. The amendments which Mr. WILSON introduced to-day, excepting Cabinet officers from the operation of the act, meet the views of a portion of the Senate, but it is not very probable that the Senate will make a compromise of the character indicated.

RIVER AND HARBOR APPROPRIATIONS.

The River and Harbor Improvement bill, which passed the Senate last session, was constituted to-day by the Senate Committee on Commerce. The estimated cost for work considerably reduced, and it was decided to report the bill, limiting the amount to be expended to the figures contained in the report of the Secretary of War, which were based on the recommendations of competent Government engineers. It is also intended to deduct one million and a half dollars appropriated last year for the completion of works absolutely necessary.

GOV. HOLCOMBE.

Gov. HOLCOMBE, of Connecticut, who takes Senator DIXON's place on the 4th of March next, was on the floor of both houses to-day and was very cordially greeted.

COMMODORE MEADE.

Commodore MEADE, who commanded the *Sac Ketch*, and whose name was so painfully brought before the public, recently, in connection with domestic afflictions, petitioned some time ago to be restored to active service in the navy. Mr. GRIMES, from the Naval Committee of the Senate, reported to-day against the application.

PERSONAL.

Cards are out for the marriage on the 24 of February of Brevet Brig.-Gen. C. B. COMSTOCK, of the corps of engineers and Aid-de-Camp on Gen. GRANT's staff, and Miss BLAIR, daughter of Hon. MONTGOMERY BLAIR.

Dispatches to the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON Thursday, Jan. 14.

NOMINATIONS BY THE PRESIDENT.

The President sent to the Senate to-day the following nominations:

Perry Fuller, to be Collector of Customs for the District of New-Orleans; S. A. Fairey, to be Collector of Customs for the District of Salem and Beverly, Mass.; Thomas B. Florence, to be Assessor of Internal Revenue for the Second District of Pennsylvania; John S. Dietrich, to be Collector of Internal Revenue for the Twelfth District of Illinois; Nathaniel P. Langford, of Montana, to be Governor of Montana; John Savage, of New-York, to be Consul at Leeds.

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL.

The Mutual Council of the Congregational Church has passed a resolution declaring they had power to inquire into all the transactions of the Church they saw proper to investigate. Gen. HOWARD said that the dismissed members were desirous to have the controversy cease, and if the decision was that he was the disturbing element, then he would leave, and if they would find another disturbing element, then that party too should lose their membership. He stated that they wished the pastor to be dismissed, but simply to put an end to the controversy, and then read a letter agreeing to submit all the questions to the Council and abide by the decision. The Committee appointed to confer with the pastor and the Committee of the church reported that the church and pastor desired and agreed that all matters should be considered which the church or any member should present, and that the Council should, of course, be free to express its opinion upon all the affairs and relations of the church. Dr. BOARDMAN said there had been a misapprehension of his position, in the supposition that he desired to prevent investigation in certain directions. On the contrary, he desired and wished to insist upon the fullest possible investigation of all matters concerning all the affairs of the church. By a vote of the Council, the church and pastor were requested to proceed with such presentation of the case as they deemed proper. The church then, through the pastor, presented various questions for the consideration of the Council. It is probable that it will continue in session several days.

GEN. SPINNER.

Gen. SPINNER is recovering slowly from his recent illness, which has been quite severe. He was able to take a short ride yesterday and to-day.

NATIONAL SUFFRAGE CONVENTION.

In the Colored National Suffrage Convention to-day, Prof. VARNON, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, reported the following from Allegheny City, Penn.: Rev. A. Cole, S. A. Neale, R. F. Pulpuso, Rev. J. W. Divine, Miss Harriet C. Johnson, and Wm. Peterson. FRANK COOX, of Virginia, objected to admitting women to a colored men's Convention. Dr. J. N. BROWN was in favor of admitting women in this progressive era, and said that the moment would yet have a vote. Rev. Mr. GARNETT insisted that the question should be settled immediately. The Chair called him to order, when Dr. GARNETT refused to take his seat, and the Chair proceeded to announce the committee, but was frequently interrupted. Mr. MASON, of North Carolina, insisted that none but men should be admitted, and moved that the report be adopted, leaving out the names of the ladies. Dr. BROWN, of Maryland, moved to lay the motion on the table. The Chair suggested that a woman's Convention was about to be held. After some further debate the report was adopted. J. H. MURRAY offered a resolution to recommend the National Suffrage League, and providing that the delegates organize such a league. Wm. BIRD, of Troy, N. Y., and EDWARD V. CLARK, of Virginia, were placed on the roll, and E. M. DAVIS was elected an honorary member. Mr. BOWMAN, of Pennsylvania, offered a resolution in favor of Hon. THADDEUS STEVENS, JOHN M. COOX, GUSTAVUS HANNON and CASSIUS A. SEWARD be appointed a committee to go before Congress. It was agreed to. Mr. A. M. POWELL, editor of the *Anti-Slavery Standard*, then addressed the Convention.

THE SUPREME COURT.

In the Supreme Court to-day the following cases were argued:

No. 42—The Bloomsburg Gorge vs. The United States. Argument concluded.

No. 43—The Pacific Insurance Company vs. Soule, Collector, &c. A certificate of division from the Circuit Court of California. An action to recover an excess of income tax paid by the Company under protest and a return made in 1866, they claiming that it should not be paid to the Government in currency. Argument commenced.

FORTIETH CONGRESS.

THIRD SESSION.

SENATE.—WASHINGTON, Thursday, Jan. 14.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

Mr. WILSON presented the memorial of the Equal Rights Association for a constitutional amendment giving equal suffrage.

Mr. CONKLING presented the memorial of Perry Cooxes, President of the New-York and Newfoundland Telegraph Company, asking to be allowed to land their cable on the shores of the United States.

Mr. FESSENDEN presented the memorial of certain capitalists of Prairie du Chien, praying for the improvement of the Mississippi River at that point, and setting forth the great importance of such improvement. Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. ANTHONY presented the petition of LUCRETIA MOTT, BERNICE S. ROSS and other officers of the American Equal Rights Association, praying for a Constitutional amendment giving to women the right of suffrage on equal terms with men. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. GRIMES, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported adversely on the memorial of Commander R. W. HEATH, asking to be restored to the active list, and moved the indefinite postponement, which was ordered.

THE ENGLISH SCHOONER STERN.

Mr. SUMNER, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, reported a bill to carry into effect the decree of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New-York in the case of the English schooner *Stern* and her cargo.

PENSION FOR MRS. LINCOLN.

Mr. MORRILL introduced a bill for the relief of MARY LINCOLN, widow of ABRAHAM LINCOLN, late President of the United States, as follows:

Whereas, The President of the United States, ABRAHAM LINCOLN, was assassinated, while Commander-in-Chief of the Army of the United States, and killed in the war for the suppression of the rebellion waged against the United States; and

Whereas, The widow of said MARY LINCOLN is entitled to share with the widows of any other officer who fell in the war; therefore,

Be it Resolved, That the wife of ABRAHAM LINCOLN, late President of the United States, shall receive a pension of $——, to be paid in the same manner as the pension of her husband.

Mr. SUMNER suggested that the blanks be filled up with the words $5,000 per annum, and that the Senate consider the bill immediately.

Mr. CONKLING thought it had better lie over.

Mr. SHERMAN moved to refer it to the Committee on Pensions, and it was so referred.

PARIS TELEGRAPH LINES.

Mr. DOOLITTLE offered the following Joint resolution:

Whereas Cable companies organized under the authority of the United States propose to lay cables in the waters of this State, and which will also utilize communication guaranteed by the laws of foreign governments to be established by the Government of the United States and the control of these lines and the United States; and

Resolved, That the President be authorized to consider the laying of one or more telegraph cables from the shores of this territory over to the shores of the United States, and to negotiate with the proper authorities of any foreign power, for such concessions and powers as may be necessary to the laying of cables from the United States to the shores of this Territory, and to grant such further rights and all such powers give such company, the consent of the United States is withheld the laying of such cables by the laws of the United States.

Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

THE FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT.

Mr. WILSON introduced a bill to enforce certain provisions of the Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States, which, he said, had become necessary in consequence of certain persons in Kentucky, disqualified by the Fourteenth Amendment, having undertaken to exercise official functions. He understood that other persons in Virginia, disqualified in a like manner, had done the same thing, and therefore, contrary to his expectation at the time of the adoption of the amendment, it would not execute itself, but must be enforced by appropriate legislation.

CANADIAN RECIPROCITY.

On motion of Mr. MORRILL, of Vermont, the Senate took up the resolution of the Legislature of Vermont, presented by him some days since, which was read, as follows:

Resolved, That having so lamentably failed for the last twenty-five years, it is the duty of our Senators and Representatives to use all honorable efforts to secure a reciprocity treaty with the Dominion of Canada, which shall include not only the free exchange of all products, but also the free navigation of the St. Lawrence and the free use of the canals and railroads of the Dominion.

Mr. MORRILL spoke at length in advocacy of the doctrine of the resolution.

Mr. MORRILL'S SPEECH.

Mr. President, the resolutions of the Legislature of the State of Vermont, I believe, only express the opinions of some of the ripest statesmen of this country at this period, and the present sentiments of the agriculturists of nearly the entire nation. I have sought the opportunity to submit some remarks upon the reference of these resolutions, for the same reason that most likely induced the action of the Legislature of Vermont, because of a disposition manifested in some quarters, that it may be thought that they have an unfortunate example in our history of negotiating more of that class of treaties, whereby our foreign trade is to be regulated by treaty instead of being regulated by the usual and plain accustomed laws of Congress—believing, as I do, that such treaties are contrary to the practice of the Government, contrary to the Constitution, and inconvenient to the interests of the whole country. Such a treaty, if made, has to be first considered in secret session of the Senate, and the people at large have no light or knowledge touching the nature of the treaty itself, nor of the facts or arguments which are moulding the minds of the Senators, and until that action becomes irrevocable and the only debate in public is when the action of both Houses of Congress happens to be required by the treaty to modify the revenue laws according to the terms proposed. At such a late period, the treaty having been made by the President, by and with the advice of the Senate, it is altogether too late to consider its merits exclusively, and to the House only the upon privilege remains of taxing and clipping the revenue laws, upon the compulsory argument of necessity, to make them conform to the new treaty. The unbiased opinion of the House is out of the question, it has been forestalled. Accordingly, to incorporate in an act of grace to submit an appropriation contained in a treaty to the consideration of the House at all, on the ground that a treaty is a law by its own vigor, and the supreme law, which crushes out the vitality of all other laws, although it would seem to be apparent that the language of the Constitution was not intended to be any more supreme than the Constitution under which treaties are made, or than the acts of Congress. The supremacy intended scarcely rise above more than State or local laws. It must be conceded that these are subjects of too great importance to be disposed of in a half hour's secret debate, whether in regard to our organic law or to the subject matter of the treaty which the particular treaty had in view, and therefore I venture to invoke the judgment of the Senate in opposition to the consideration of the general merits of the questions involved.

SPECIAL TREATIES INJURIOUS.

The exclusive policy so long maintained by the British Government and other nations relative to trade with their colonies having now been greatly modified, should, if not entirely abandoned, and the policy of granting equal favors to all nations with whom commercial intercourse is maintained having become almost universal among civilized nations, there is no longer inducement to seek by treaties special favors, or to attempt to overmuch less enterprising competitors. Such treaties, if made, are treaties or partial treaties and little favor, and whatever is granted to one party is practically open at once to all others willing to accept of the terms. If England negotiates a treaty with China it is at once incorporated with the United States. If the United States make a treaty with Japan equal favors are proposed to be obtained by Holland, and so down the line, it is even reckoned, if not discreditable, somewhat beneath the dignity of independent nations to accept of any exclusive privileges by means of treaties, and a sure mark of imbecility for any nation to grant them. It has also been growing more and more politically manifest that the tendency of all nations with such badges of inferiority as these tributary and subservient to the imperial aristocracies of the mother country ever since the successful resistance of the United States to the policy of taxation without representation attempted by George III.

EXECUTIVE POWER COURT NOT TO BE INCREASED.

The President of the United States is required mainly to see that such laws as are in force are faithfully executed, not to make laws by himself alone, nor by himself and the Senate. This is the boasted field of the representative. Treaties under monarchies are royal prerogatives, and are made by the Executive alone. Under our style of government treaties being laws when made affecting the whole people, and which they must obey, they assume some kind of a legislative discretion. The President may initiate treaties, but until they receive the constitutional sanction of the Senate they are of no force. The whole legislature body, or both Houses, when appropriations are required, must participate in the office of carrying them into effect, and without the approval of two-thirds of the Senate no treaty can be made. It is evident the framers of our Constitution intended to restrain the Executive power with extreme jealousy, and had no intention to empower the President, as well as monarchs, however, are not only great stickers for their legitimate powers, but rarely fail to struggle both openly and covertly for the extension of Executive prerogatives. It may be, in a matter of importance, if the Senate, per chance, should, in secret matters, are to be considered by them in a legislative or an executive session, as it either may their voice will be potentially, but as conservators of a free Government, as a branch of that Government protected by the longest term of service, to shout of corruption against the rights and privileges of the popular numerous and important of the Government. The Senate can have no interest in transferring power from the House of Representatives to the hands of the President. The theory of a republican form of government is that power is held in the hands of many, and limited in time in the hands of one. The exclusive power of the House to originate revenue bills is one of the most explicit in the Constitution, and it was intended to be so hedged that no plausible pretext could be suggested by which it could be invaded or supplanted. This sole power being confined to the House, it must not be supposed needed, nor can it be rightfully be perverted. It should stand in its entirety. Even to allow any other branch to consider and amend revenue bills was reluctantly conceded by the framers of the Constitution. A treaty regulating custom duties, the main source of revenue heretofore and destined to be hereafter, touches upon a cardinal principle of popular Government—the right of the immediate representatives of the people to control the purse of the nation. It is obvious that a very limited modification of such treaties would soon absorb the whole power to originate revenue bills, for they concern the levying of duties upon the importation of foreign goods, and nothing then would be left to Congress, except the mere knacks of a tariff and excises and direct taxes.

PRIVILEGES OF THE SENATE.

It has been strongly urged that such treasonable question would still leave to the House of Representatives the pastime of originating revenue bills at its pleasure, but that does not seem to the dignity of a respectable sophism. It does not seem wise that the existence of danger. It is a mockery. Wherever prior or subsequent legislation concerning them may be, a treaty, being something of the nature of a compromise always, the common law of the land, overrides them, and whenever such amendments come in conflict with a treaty they are practical nullities, as has been proved, and will be so long as the Executive is the sole arbiter of the question. The House may fling its bill for revenue and tell all night, but they will only nothing, when the revenue has been emasculated by treaty of treaty stipulations for the benefit of foreigners the House will find itself at the old estimate of being forced to make bricks without straw. The position that such a treaty is not an invasion of the rights of the House, is assumed to me, akin to the idea of a compact for the intelligence and responsibility of the Senate. To any such idea it may be done, even with the joint assent and consent of the House, does not relieve that assent only complicates it. It is not in the power of the House, either alone or conjointly with the President and the Senate, to change or dispense with any portion of the Constitution. Revenue laws require different machinery and far greater to counteract and will be much more burdensome. Attempts as a whole may readily be detected, but a careful consideration of the whole subject may require more than business pending in the place may be removed to another better able to best them, or where they will be more widely and equally distributed. In spite of all indications for humanity

LATITUDE OF THE POWER CLAIMED.

If such an innovation of the rights of the House or of the rights of Congress be allowed to go unchallenged, there is little due to the way of legislation the may not be done by treaty. Why may not the right of suffrage be regulated by reciprocal treaties? Why not so fix the price of our public lands? Why may not internal improvements, canals and railroads be subsidized by treaties? Why not reciprocity in fortification treaties? Why not thus regulate the rates of postage? Why not rebuilding slavery by a reciprocal treaty with Brazil or the King of Dahomey? Why not have reciprocal naturalization treaties? Why may not New-England be thus put out in the cold, or the States be distributed by treaty with the Canadian Dominion? Why not borrow money or impose special payment by virtue of a reciprocity treaty? These interrogatories give some indication of the possible scope of the powers claimed, and the easy manner in which power may slide into the hands of the few, and, without changing form of government, wholly embrace its popular character. Nor can it be pretended that the exercise of the power in any one of the examples here used to illustrate its extent would not be equally justifiable with its exercise upon the subject of tariffs, and all are equally dangerous. It is a power such as no one would dare to claim for a party, and liable to ingulf and absorb all legislative power. Since the decision in the case of the Jay treaty and the recent treaty for the purchase of Alaska it may, perhaps, be considered the settled doctrine that a treaty made by the President, with the assent of two-thirds of the Senate, involving an appropriation, binds the House, or at least, as some strongly urge it, makes the appropriation without stopping to consider its justice or expediency, or whether the treaty is good or bad. In its whole length and breadth the question is this: can the President with two-thirds of a quorum of the Senate repeal the laws of both Houses of Congress and have appropriated by the President, and at the same time fasten upon the people an irrepealable law? If this cannot be lawfully done there is an end of reciprocity treaties.

THE ZOLLVEREIN TREATY.

The first real negotiation in the form of a treaty of reciprocity was made by Mr. WALKER, of Pennsylvania. He had been instructed by Mr. FOSTER in 1827, then Secretary of State, to obtain a relaxation of the duties on tobacco—that was all—and after seven years of effort, or at least a lapse of seven years, he succeeded what is known as the Zollverein Treaty, Prussia and the German States would remove the duties on tobacco, if the United States would remove the duties on certain articles of the growth or produce of the Zollverein, and these articles seem to have become contraband with the number of the principalities and kingdoms of the Zollverein. Each appears to have pushed in with some pet to be favored, and all would seem to have been gratified. The workers in hardware, and in wool, worsted, silk, cotton and linen were all sooner appeased than the fabricants of fabrics, smelters and toys presented their budgets, and at last the proposed treaty contained an assortment of staples and fancies such as I venture to say, were never before assembled together by any or or Christian. This proposed treaty was the work of a man whose historical and legal productions have contributed largely to the solid reputation of our country. He made a part of the glory of our people; and if a treaty of this kind could ever be expected to find favor, the Senate, the American Senate, or with the American people, this was brought forth by a man entitled, even though he labored under specific instructions, to a respectful hearing. It received the highest commendations of Mr. CALHOUN; and yet, notwithstanding the wholly unexceptionable character of the negotiator, and the high commendation of it, it was reported against by the Senate Committee of Foreign Affairs, and upon being again urgently pressed by President TYLER, a second adverse report having been made, it was rejected by a large majority, and rejected, not by a party vote, upon the ground of deference to constitutional privileges of the House of Representatives, with which the treaty conflicted.

It is somewhat remarkable, in stating the advantages of this treaty, that Mr. LAWRENCE, the biographer of Mr. WEBSTER, should enumerate, among the benefits to accrue to the United States, but three articles of foreign growth, and that not by the number, and of these no actual change of the rated of duty was to be made by the Zollverein except with regard to one. He speaks of the treaty as one which "would affect the long cherished object of procuring the reduction of the present duty on tobacco, secure the immediate admission of our cotton free from all duty, and procure a reduction of the higher duty on rice;" and he continues, "For these advantages"—that is to say, surpassed of all rhetorical verbiage, for a reduction of the duty on leaf tobacco amounting to about one cent per pound and of one cent and a quarter on stems, and with no change on the duty on cotton, and with rice to reflect, not increase, the duty upon at least five hundred articles, embracing (though wholly unmentioned by Mr. LAWRENCE) whole classes, and many varieties, some of which, singly, were scarcely less, when compared in commercial magnitude, than the sum total of our Prussian tobacco trade—for these advantages," he adds, "we were to lower duties on foreign articles, we were to dwarf and hamper our tariff to proportions satisfactory to the great manufacturers of South Carolina. But this clever scheme proved unsuccessful the direct benefit to the tobacco-growing States would have been inconsiderable; but it is hardly too much to say that the direct injury to the whole Northern world have in consequence that in their retarded growth it would have left the slave power of the country to-day in the undisputed ascendency. Never was JOHN C. CALHOUN so nearly victorious. The proposed Zollverein treaty of 1844 was supposed to relate chiefly to a reduction of the Prussian duty on tobacco stems. Perhaps it would not that was the understanding of most of our people. It stipulated for so much, and that the duties upon rice, cotton and lard should not be advanced. The duties on tobacco were not to exceed four thalers per hundred (or of 62 per cent ad valorem) and ten pounds, and not even three thalers per centner on stems. We, through our minister, jealously protected them against the injustice of any higher duties, and yet we ourselves now impose upon unmanufactured tobacco imported into the United States a duty of thirty-five cents per pound, equal to about thirty-three hundred per centum, more than the duties on tobacco stems which appeared so sensitive to us that the Prussians should levy upon our tobacco! Yet to-day very few pretend that we can go with less. Besides, it will be seen by the tariff promulgated years since by the Zollverein, that they serve, without exacting an equivalent from us, continued poison on the free list, and, if we have any intelligent self-interest they must, and have reduced the duty upon tobacco to the identical and magical figure of four thalers per centner. Without any treaty or so-called equivalents we now have all the advantages sought for by President TYLER. The statesmanship of the Treasury Department seems to have been unequal to the task of increasing for twenty years, or even for fifteen. But this blindness will be great more apparent if we examine the equivalents, so called, which we were to have given for the distinguished consideration to tobacco. The catalogue of reductions to occur in our tariff are too long to be fully repeated, and embrace to a great extent the luxuries and toys of commerce—the very sources from which, since 1861, we have more largely increased Custom-house supplies. No higher duty of ad valorem, or specific, than twenty per cent on wines, worsted or cotton hosiery, mitts, caps, blindings, drawers, shirts and all similar manufactures made of them, musical instruments, except piano-fortes. No higher duty than fifteen per cent on cotton or any manufactures of silk, or of which silk shall be a component material of chief value, nor upon Italian marbles, mineral paints, and all manufactures of coral, pearl or of worsted and silk, amethysts and opal, polished plate glass, silvered or quicksilvered, tops, wooden sticks, eau-de-cologne, extracts, lime, cows, pianos, soap, tacks, needles, copper wire, bronzes, wares of all kinds, gun-locks, leather pocket-books, and all sorts of similar intellectuals, pocket-knives, pocket-combs, snuff-boxes, of paper-mache, lead-pencils, &c. No more than fifteen per cent ad valorem on all dressed hides, leather, lace, twine, thread, knots, chest of gold and silver, mineral waters, spectacles, and, finally, we were to agree not to increase the duties which, in fact, were of duty upon wines, and the duties upon wines in 1844 were as follows: On Madeira and sherry, in casks, six hundred cents per gallon; and on white wines, seven and a half cents in casks, twenty cents in bottles, per gallon. It is not pretended that the proposed treaty, however learned and accomplished in other respects, was really deficient in practical knowledge of revenue laws or of the industrial interests of the United States, and without any appreciation of the serious consequences which would so result in the direct future. Wheat, if it could be made, the direct future. Wheat, if it could be made, the direct future. Wheat, if it could be made,

NEW PUBLICATIONS

GREATER BRITAIN. By CHARLES WENTWORTH DILKE. Two vols in one. Philadelphia: LIPPINCOTT & Co.

This remarkable record of travel in English-speaking countries is one which can only find adequate notice in some of the quarterly reviews, where the subject will be likely to make the most attractive paper of the number. It is a theme of the first order, A 1, since it concerns the peculiarities and progress of two such States as America and England; and the views of the writer are presented in a compact comprehensive way, and in an animated and somewhat pointed style, which, with its gay narrative humor, its statistical and statesmanly reviews, its rapid generalizations and free flights of logical prophecy, will be found very attractive by most readers—by those who read merely for amusement and the traveler's descriptions, as well as by the graver critics of social progress. It is a circumnavigating theme—one that takes us round the world, in BARNEBY'S "course of empire," and though not moving exactly with the British drumbeat emphasized by DARTIE WEMYSS, it hopes us always within hearing of the Anglo-Saxon "Shibboleth," as it guides the reader from the waters of the Chesapeake and the northern route of old Virginia to the Battery and Bowery of New-York, and the academic shades of Cambridge, and thence, by way of the Dominion, to the Rocky Mountains and California; and so onward through the Pacific to the Australian group; thence to Ceylon; to Calcutta and Benares; "to Agra and Lahor of Great Mogul," and so round by the Punjaub to the Indus and Currachee; whence the long line of pilgrimage trends homeward by the Persian Gulf, Suez and Brindisi.

Almost every one of our traveler's 670 pages contains something *extraordinaire*, but we can only give a small taste of his quality here and there, and pretty much at random. When he lands at the Battery—"an ill-kept park that may be made the loveliest garden in the world," he raises his hands and moralizes:

"Year by year the towns grow more and more intensely Irish. Already of every four births in Boston, there only is a native child; there are 150,000 to 70,000 native voters in New-York and Brooklyn. Montreal and Richmond are fast becoming Celtic; Philadelphia—shades of PENN!—can only be saved by the aid of its Bavarians. Saxon Protestantism is departing with the Saxons; the revenues of the Empire State are spent upon Catholic asylums; plots of City land are sold as nominal rents for the sites of Catholic churches, by the 'City ecclesiastics,' as they are called. Not even in the West does the Latin Church gain ground more rapidly than in New-York City; there are 80,000 professing Catholics in Boston.

"When, in the drama, of which the first scene is played in Castle Garden, to have its close? The matter is enough to alarm any Yan; yearly the third and fourth cities of the world, New-York and Philadelphia, were as English as our London; the one is Irish now, the other all but German. Not that the Quaker City will remain Teutonic. The Germans, too, are going out upon the land; the Irish cleave to the municipality. All great American towns will soon be Celtic, while the country remains English; a fierce and easily-roused people will throng the cities, while the law-abiding Saxons who till the land will come to rule it. Our relations with America are matters of small moment by the side of the one great question—Who are the Americans to be?"

Passing from Canada to the West, Mr. DILKE devotes a chapter to the University of Michigan, where the students learn what branches they please without any *curriculum*, and have no classes, competitive examinations, or honors; and passes on to that *Regina viarum*, the grand Pacific Railroad, where his powers of observation find ample room and verge enough for their most genial exercise. Concerning that mixed-up, mediterranean region, he remarks:

"Or the dozen rhetoric cities which are struggling for the honor of becoming the future capital of the West, Leavenworth, with 20,000 people, has two papers, an opera house and 240 drinking saloons, was, at the time of my visit in 1866, somewhat ahead of Omaha, with its 12,000, two papers, and a single 'one-horse' theatre, though the northern city had Leavenworth in the point of 'saloons.'

"Omaha, Leavenworth, Kansas City, Wyandotte, Atchison, Topeka, Lecompton and Lawrence, each praises itself and runs down its neighbor. Leavenworth claims to be so healthy that when it lately became necessary to 'inaugurate' the new grave-yard, 'they had to shoot a man on purpose'—a change since the days when the Southern Border Ruffians were in the habit of parading the streets, bearing the scalps of abolitionists stuck on poles. On the other hand, a Nebraska man, when asked whether the Kansas people were fairly honest, said: 'Don't know about honest; but they do say as how the folk around take in their stone fences every night.' Lawrence, the State capital, which is on the dried-up Kansas river, sneeringly says of all the new towns on the Missouri that 'the land is that ply below—there are no fences.' Omaha boasts that the fare is collected in installments every five minutes throughout the trip. Next after the jealousy between two Australian colonies, there is nothing equalto the hatreds between cities competing for the same trade. Omaha has now the best chance of becoming the capital of the West; but Leavenworth will no doubt continue to be the third town of Kansas.

"The progress of the smaller cities is amazing. Planet-like by day and night are frequent, but trade and development are little interfered with by such incidents as these; and as the village cities are populated by the pioneers, abounding their 'fellows' keep pushing westward, seeking new 'locations.' 'You're the second man I've seen this Fall! Darn me, if 'taint 'bout time to varmose out westerly—y,' is the stinging joke of the 'frontier-bars' against each other."

Mr. DILKE points to the fact that the conformation of North America is different from that of the other great continents of the world—from Europe, where the Swiss congeries of hills stretches in the centre; from Asia, where the great Himalayan Mountain group sends its rivers forth on every side, and from South America, where the Andes chain makes a wall on the west and pours its streams across to the Atlantic. In this continent the mountains rise in ridges on each side, pouring their watershed mainly into one great central valley; a fact that naturally indicates the essential unity of the North American region. Finding himself among the Western editors and their journals, our author is not disposed to follow the Horatian rule of *Nil admirari*. They compel him to admire. He thus speaks of the Denver *Gazette*:

"The Denver *Gazette* is filled with puffs of quacks and whisky shops. In the column headed 'Business Cards,' Dr. EMERIES announces that he may be consulted by his patients in the 'French, German and English' tongues. Lower down we have the card of Dr. TEWANY, 'Eclectic Physician and Surgeon,' which is preceded by an 'advertisement' of 'sukies made to order,' and followed by a headed heading, 'Know thy Destiny; Madame THOMPSON, the English Astrologist and Psychometrician, has located herself at 84 ---- ---- ----, New-York; by the aid of an instrument of intense power, known as the Psychometer, she is enabled to produce a likeness of the person of the future husband or wife of the applicant.' There is a strange turning toward the supernatural among this people. Astrology is openly professed as a science throughout the United States; the success of Spiritualism is amazing. The most sensible men are now exempt from the weakness; the dupes of the astrologers are not the uneducated Irish, but the strong-minded, half-educated Western man, shrewd and keen in trade, brave in war, material as cold as mills, it would be supposed, but credulous to folly, as we know, when personal revelation, the supernaturalism of the present day, is set before them. In the Western cities, Astrology and Spiritualism flourish; 'CHARLEY EVANS and 'Gus FOSTER' advertise their bars. The latter announces 'Lager Beer at only 25 cents,' in a 'cool retreat,' fitted up with green-growing trees.' A returned warrior heads his announcement, in huge capitals, 'Back Home Again. An Old Friend at the Bolivar, the Soldier Blacksmith—A. M. EGGLE.' In a Western city, Astrology and mesmerism are rather a matter of practice than belief. Mr. O'CONNELL does well to add to 'Lager Beer 25 cents!' 'Glasses hold Two Bumpers.' JOHN MORRIS, of the 'Little Giant' or 'Theatre Saloon,' asks us to 'call and see him;' while his rivals of the 'Progressive Saloon,' offer the 'finest liquors that the Rocky mountains can produce.' MORRIS says it is pronounced A No. 1 by all who have used it, and invites us 'give him a fair trial, and satisfy ourselves as to the false reports in circulation.' DARLEY, Array, deals in 'breech-loading guns and revolvers, nails, and everything that may be wanted, from a cradle to a coffin, best cutlery made to order.' An Indian Lodge on view, for sale. This is the man at whose shop we are looking for sale; but he fails to name it in his advertisement; the Utes brought them in too hot for admission, perhaps."

In California Mr. DILKE is delighted with the climate, the fertility of the soil, and the beauty of the scenery. But, though he admires the Golden City, he hardly does the place justice—in an etymological respect—deriving the ancient name of that celebrated locality from its mire, the basis of the beverage called grog. The original name of San Francisco was Yerba Buena—as we find it written, and, in spite of the learnt the "Notes and Queries" folks of that Pacific emporium, if there are any such there, to know that, in several old languages—the Iberian among the rest—those words, *Yerba Buena*, meant "Noble Harbor" or "Good Harbor." If this was not the real significancy of that old Spanish term for San Francisco, and if "good herb" or "good mint" was the right interpretation, we shall be rather sorry to hear it, for the good name's sake of the sister metropolis and its beautiful estuary.

From California and the coast of Mexico we are carried into the warm Polynesian Seas, where we get a glimpse of the bountiful and romantic Pitcairn's Island, and farther on, at New-Zealand, find a very picturesque assemblage of a thousand Maoris with their chiefs, in festive and financial conference with the British Superintendent. It is to be regretted that such a fine race so full of patriotic heroism, and so gifted in an intellectual way, should suffer such a terrible extermination at the hands of the English colonists. Mr. DILKE is of opinion, and we think justly, that they are of Malay blood and kindred to those Polynesian tribes who must originally have found their way to Mexico, Central America and Peru, and there produced the civilization discovered by the Spaniards. But destruction is one of the laws of animated nature, and also a law of human civilization; and those swarthy races must perish. They will die hard, as any rate, in New-Zealand; for the last mail reports that they massacred fifty families of the intrusive white men in a sudden outbreak.

Our author's Indian views and sketches are presented in a very agreeable panoramic manner, which brings the persons and things of that rich and rare peninsula very vividly before us. At the alter manufacturing city of Umritsur we are carried into its beautiful bazaar, among the costly Cashmere shawls and the swarthy groups of people that frequent it:

"Its only shawls of the second class that can be bought cheap at Umritsur; those of the finest quality vary in price from $40 to $300, $20 being the cost of the material. The shawl manufacture of the Punjaub is not confined to Umritsur; there are 400 shawl-weaving looms at Jeypore, in Rajpootana, while there. There are more than sixty permanent dyes in use at the Umritsur shawl shops; cochineal, indigo, yellowwood and saffron are the commonest and best. The shawls are made of the down which underlies the hair of the goat of the Thibet range of the higher levels. The ram, the camel and the dog of the Himalayas, all possess this down as well as their hair or wool; it serves them as a protection against the Winter cold. *Chogas*—long cloaks used as dressing-gowns by Europeans—are also made at Umritsur, from the soft wool of the Bokhara camel, for Umritsur is now the headquarters of the Central Asian trade with Hindostan.

"The bazaar is the busiest and most bustling in India—the goods of all India and Central Asia are there. Dacca muslin—known as 'woven air'—lies side by side with thick chogas of kinkob and embroidered Cashmere; Indian towels of coarse huckaback half covered with sweet water milks, and the brilliant dyes of the brocades of Central Asia delighted by the modest grays of the soft pulse caps. The buyers are as motley as the goods—Bajpoots in turbans of deep blue, ornamented with gold thread; Cashmere valley herdsmen in strange caps, bandeh girls from the first three bridges of Srinuggur, some of them so called, 'third-class,' whose only delight is to levy contributions on the people of the plains, and Sikh troopers, home on leave, walking through the streets with a haughty swagger. Some of the Sikhs wear the pointed helmets of their ancestors, the ancient Sikhs; but, whether to be helmeted or not, the unctuous white beard of the Sikh, the fierce mouth, the eagle nose, the scowl of the eyebrows, the amplitude of his case, all suggest the fighting man. The strange closeness of the likeness of the Hungarians to the Sikhs would lead one to think that the races are identical. Not only are they alike in build, look and warlike habits, but they brush their beards in the same fashion, and these little dandies endure longer than mere mortals, even their religion itself. One of the crowd was a ruddy-faced, red-bearded, Judas-hated fellow, that looked every inch a Fenian, and might have stepped here from the Kilkenny wilds; but the majority of the Sikhs had equine noses and fine features, so completely Jewish of the best and oldest type, that I was reminded of Sir WILLIAM JONES' mental calculation of the Afghan races from the lost Ten Tribes of Israel. It may be doubted whether the Sikhs, Afghans, Persians, ancient Assyrians, Jews, ancient Scythians and Magyars were not all originally of one stock."

Mr. DILKE'S book is brought out in the finest typographical style on toned paper, and it contains a great number of well-executed illustrations, portraits and maps. Among them is a colored New-Zealand landscape, and the pleasant embryo, bird-like profile of a Cingalese gentleman, who, in the frontispiece wears a nose which beats that of Slankenbergius, in Tristram Shandy, by chalks—red chalk—and suggests that facetious old London melody called "Jolly Noses." Another portrait is the remarkable facial cast of the renowned Mormon founder, JOE SMITH. The work is altogether an admirable one, and calculated to take, in a popular way, with a wide circle of intelligent readers. In this City it may be had of SCRIBNER & Co.

Engineering Literature.—*Van Nostrand's Eclectic Engineering Magazine.*—Engineering is defined as the science and the art of utilizing the forces and materials of nature, and, as such, it is as much an element in modern life as air, water, and politics. Engineering literature, therefore, appealing as it does to so many experts, dealing with so vast a range of subjects, and requiring so much exactness and completeness in every statement, from principles to details, has already grown, in volume and costliness, quite beyond the scope even of ordinary professional reading. The mass of engineering literature, like that in the older technical sciences, is a vast conservatory of information, laid up and accumulating for special reference.

Even the periodical literature is too voluminous for the familiar acquaintance of the ten thousand engineers and artisans who most need the current knowledge of the arts. At least six serials in France, ten in Germany, and a dozen in each England and America, must be waded through from twelve to fifty times a year by each one of the innumerable best whose business or pleasure should require—not through scholarship in science, but respectable familiarity with the leading professional fact and opinion.

What has long been wanted, and seriously wanted since the increase and subdivision into departments of the technical journals, is a well-selected abstract, in serial form, of the current foreign and home literature of engineering—a magazine of net results derived from the great mass of technical work and speculation—a comparatively cheap, highly comprehensive and greatly condensed periodical statement of what has been done, attempted and projected in making and moving things, and in the associated arts. In short, the time and cost required for a respectably comprehensive range of technical reading has not been within the scope of workmen; it has been of necessity confined to professional scholars, and to men of means and leisure.

The want we have described has been well met, if we can judge from the reputation and position of the men engaged, and from their first production—*Van Nostrand's Eclectic Engineering Magazine*, issued by the only one of our book publishers who makes engineering and scientific works a specialty; and conducted by Mr. A. L. HOLLEY, who is widely known as the author of several standard books on railways and ordnance, and as the consulting engineer of several Bessemer steel works, and the introducer of the Bessemer process in America, and who is perhaps still more widely known as a contributor to the Times on engineering subjects.

The first number of *Van Nostrand's Magazine* contains, besides numerous shorter paragraphs and abstracts, the orthodox number of thirty-nine articles, comprehensive, but at the same time readable. The magazine is produced in an attractive form, well printed in large type, and adapted to convenient reference and to binding in book form.

—*The Manufacturer and Builder.*—This handsome monthly, a copy of whose first issue lies before us, is another illustration of how loudly supply follows the requirements of demand. As it is intended to be a faithful record of progress in all the great industrial interests and a practical commentary upon current economical questions of interest to architects, builders, manufacturers and artisans, the publishers have done a wise thing in fixing its price at a very low figure. Thirty-two large quarto pages, filled with valuable technical information from all over the world, of inventions, improvements, remedies and processes, will, clear and intelligent treatment of matters involving both science and skill, illustrated by numerous effective wood cuts, and the whole well edited and brilliantly printed—is certainly generous measure to give once a month for one dollar and a half each year. Yet it is in this judicious arrangement that the publishers will find success among the practical class they desire to reach. Messrs. WESTERN & Co., publishers of the *American Journal of Mining* and *El Correo Hispano-Americano* periodicals, among the very best of their special class, are responsible for this new enterprise, and from the manner of its inception it is evident that they have selected the right men to superintend its various departments.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Prosperity of the Up-country—Promising Prospects of Manufacturing Establishments—Gov. Sprague Again—Negro Troubles and their Significance—The Black Race Dying Out.

From Our Own Correspondent.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Saturday, Jan. 9, 1869.

In a conversation I had with an intelligent and well-informed Senator in the State Legislature, from the upper portion of this State, a few days ago, he said, among other things, that he considered South Carolina to be in as profound peace now as she has ever at any time been. He further states that in the entire upcountry of this State—above the cotton-growing region, especially—there exists a degree of prosperity now which has hardly ever been equaled, even before the war; that economy has become the habit; that thrift, in making marketable matter of a dozen little things hitherto wasted, has been developed by the past few years of pinching need; that the planter has learned to depend upon his own muscle as well as his own brain, and thus his smaller tracts of well-tilled land yield him more than he ever used to raise upon four times the land, aided by the bungling assistance of negro labor, and the number to feed is vastly less; that there is more money among the people of that part of the State then has been at any one time in fifty years; and that, in his opinion, this prosperity will spread gradually and rapidly southward toward the coast, so that in a few years the entire Commonwealth will be prosperous and well governed.

MANUFACTURES.

Since my last, in which I mentioned the investment of twenty-odd thousand dollars by Gov. SPRAGUE in a tract of land on the confines of Columbia, for the purpose of engaging in manufacturing operations, another step has been taken, more important and more significant of vigorous work than that. The enterprising Governor, in connection with Col. FRANCE, has purchased the immense State property known as the State Canal. This is one of the finest water powers in the State; and under the conditions of the purchase, the present owners are to enlarge the bed of the canal so much as to make the power (at different portions of the stream) range between 710 and 1,000 horse power, allowing the machinery to run twenty-four hours a day. By these two purchases this immense water power, extending two or three miles, is in the hands of enterprising, well-informed, wide-awake and moneyed Northern capitalists; and we may safely count on their turning a handsome penny. The fact that such men have taken hold of an enterprise of such magnitude is in itself evidence conclusive that there is money in it; and that means vast accession to the material prosperity of the community, and ultimately of the entire Commonwealth. That, at least, is the view taken of it by every capitalist with whom I have conversed. The price paid for the canal is nominal only, being $200; but the conditions of sale require an amount of work to put the stream in order that is equal to at least $50,000. I suppose—possibly a great deal more. But it is manifest that the erection of extensive manufactories upon it will be worth to the State several millions.

NEGRO TROUBLES.

The troubles with the negroes upon the Ogeechee in Georgia, and in Princess Ann County in Virginia, are but literations of that spirit which has shown itself so fearfully in Arkansas. These troubles will probably continue to break out wherever crowds of negroes live separated from the guidance and sympathy of the whites. The occasions of these outbreaks will vary greatly—sometimes the negroes will be right and sometimes wrong; for they have not that sense known popularly as judgment, and will fight for an imaginary right or a trivial distinction with as much earnestness as for the gravest and grandest of human rights. The condition of the negro race is deplorable—deplorable in his utter want of this faculty of self-government. My own individual opinion upon the matter may be worth nothing, but it has been formed after a goodly portion of a life spent among negroes, and formed under a feeling of profound interest in and sympathy for the colored people; and I am solemnly impressed with the conviction that the colored race in the South is destined to die out under the operation of natural causes. A negro at Princeton College may be taking the honors of his class over the heads of white competitors, and an exceptional case may shoot up here and there to give us hopes of elevating the race to the standard of civilization reached by whites; but such hopes, we are reluctantly compelled to remember, were from time to time excited for the Indian, and a promising Prince bore off a medal in Boston every few years; but no one hope for all that—the Indian is dying off the earth. He is out of his element in being in contact and competition with a superior race. So also will it be with the negro. The negro's best friends are beginning to see that Liberia is his best hope, and that his emigration thither should be encouraged. The next census will show that the black race is rapidly decreasing. It is already perceptible here now. Besides, we know that Gen. HOWARD reported more than a million dead since the war. BOZIUS.

The Financial Science Before the Country—When Specie Payment Can Be Resumed.

NEW-YORK, Wednesday, Jan. 13, 1869.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

The country has been flooded with various plans for resuming specie payment, in all of which the great law controlling the whole subject has been lost sight of. The national debt, as it stands to-day, together with the greenbacks in circulation, represents, in part, the waste of the war. In addition to our present debt, two thousand five hundred millions have been raised by taxation since the war began, which represents another portion of the waste of the war. The town, county, city and State indebtedness, and the taxes raised and collected in support of the war, amount to five hundred millions of dollars more, giving, in all, a total of five thousand five hundred millions. Add to this the loss of five hundred thousand men killed and disabled during the war, worth to the country about $1,000 each as producers, and we have five hundred millions more, making a material waste of six thousand millions, which represents the waste or cost of the war.

The taxable property in the United States when the war broke out was thirteen thousand millions, and we can its roll (the thirty-six thousand millions, and estimate the value of all the land in the United States at twenty thousand millions, it will give us twelve thousand millions to represent the accumulation of the country by labor, industry and economy since its foundation, or say within the last two hundred years, one-half of which accumulation has been wasted caused by the war. Now a clear proposition of this waste might be replaced by labor, economy and the wise development of our country, before we can resume specie payments, and in the meantime we must use our credit until we can earn the money to pay it. Our population and resources, large crops of cotton, tobacco, rice and sugar, and the good crops of cotton and rice, are the whole public resources upon which we can draw. But the whole public resources will take place. In the meantime legislation upon the subject is in the most unfortunate, and, I think, detrimental, and embarrassing, and will postpone the time just so far as it cripples and embarrasses the country. The resources of our country are almost unlimited, and we only want time to develop them. In order to liquidate our indebtedness, patience and industry are the great remedial agents, and not excise and prohibitory legislation. Yours respectfully, C. M. W.

Practical Operation of the Bankrupt Law.

NEW-YORK, Tuesday, Jan. 5, 1869.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

A clever correspondent offers, in your issue of the 27th ult., some suggestions in regard to the Bankrupt law, to which, if you can afford the space, I would like to add a few of the practical lessons of such bankruptcy as have their issue in progress. My observation has taught me that the point of inquiry, if the exact items were published and explained, would not be a subject of complaint with the petitioner for relief. The fault, if any, lies with the counsel in the case, as I will presently show.

The preparation of a case is the first step. Some cases are, in a practical sense, very simple; if short, requiring few blanks, and if no special investigations, such as searching through judgment rolls, &c., are required, demanding little bookwork. Many require careful research, and can only be properly framed by great labor, and the most extensive inquiry as to details. The case made up, the oath is taken by the petitioner, and the case is ready for filing. From this time the bankrupt can protect himself in the matter of costs, and it will be his own fault if he fails to do so.

The fee of the Clerk upon the filing of a petition is $5 50. For a small gratuity added he will take both copies, compare them carefully, notify the petitioner of any difference, if found, and send the duplicate to the Register properly certified.

The deposit of $50 to cover Register's fees is imperative; but the Register will, upon the conclusion of a case, render an account if requested.

The cost of printing notices to creditors will, of course, devolve upon the petitioner. These, properly folded and addressed, are then delivered to the Marshal for service. The Marshal's whole fee in this city is for warrant, copies for publication, and affidavit, just $2 25, and 10 cents for each notice. The notices average less than thirty in each case.

There are three advertisements; one for the first meeting of creditors, one notice of appointment of assignee, and one for the final meeting. The rates for these are by contract, and I believe are the same for any other legal or other kind of advertising. The order of reference, made upon application of petitioner for discharge, will cost $2 25, paid to the Clerk, and upon the delivery to the petitioner of the certificate of discharge, he will further pay to the Clerk a sum not exceeding $10 70, for which last he will have rendered a bill of items.

Where no assignee has been elected by the creditors, Mr. JOHN SHEWKER assumes that position, under general order of the Court. The fee paid to him by custom is $25. The writer has looked in vain for a place where the fees accruing to him may be entered. A bankrupt, to keep himself, his interests prompted any possible savings. He reposes, "the cause of complaint lies with the counsel in the cases." He has seen counsel's bill where the Marshal's fee, (including cost of advertisement,) actually of $23 20, has been rendered as $60 00. Let every bankrupt, whose case is now pending, demand of counsel his bill of items, and in case of doubt refer such bill to the different administrative departments against whose names the items are set down, and when concluded let him compare his gross amount with that of some friend who has not taken this precaution.

LAYMAN.

Race Between a Street Car and a Velocipede.—A day or two since, a gentleman in Chicago, who has been practicing on a velocipede, for some time on the sidewalks, came out upon Indiana-avenue, and throwing down the gauntlet of defiance, dared a street car driver to race with him to Thirty-first street, the terminus of the track. The challenge was accepted by the car driver, (though he had several hundred men on board.) The race began auspiciously, the horses being driven at a furious pace. The velocipede soon passed upon his competitor, and bade fair to distance it, when an unlucky crack in the sidewalk received the lower wheel, leaving the other, in obedience to the law of motion, to continue its course, which, driven by the rider into the gutter. The car won the race on a "tout."

WIDE PUBLIC ROADS

Proposed New Avenues in Essex County—A Fine System of Roads Radiating From Newark.

The inhabitants of Essex County, N. J., seeing the extraordinary effects that all the new improvements proposed and carried on in New-York, Brooklyn and Westchester County, in the way of parks and boulevards, have had in developing those places, and determined not to be behindhand in any such schemes of progress, applied to the Legislature last session for power to appoint Commissioners to lay out and construct new roads, and improve old ones as they should deem fit. Such power was granted, and WM. H. MURPHY, FRANCIS MCGRATTY, of Newark, and LLEWELLYN S. HAYNES, of Orange—the latter the originator and owner of that most charming of spots known as Llewellyn Park—were appointed Commissioners. Having engaged the services of Mr. JAMES OWEN as engineer, they proceeded to survey and lay out the following complete system of avenues and boulevards which, when constructed, will make Essex County one of the most enjoyable and delightful locations within twelve miles of New-York.

The City of Newark being the centre of Essex County commercially, but actually located on the eastern side, the Commissioners have laid out a series of avenues 100 feet wide, radiating from the city to the most available points of the surrounding country, as follows:

1. Running north from Newark it is proposed to improve the present river road to Belleville, and widen it to 100 feet; also to construct a new avenue, 100 feet wide, parallel to and about ¼ mile west of the river road on the top of the hill. These two avenues will connect at Belleville, and thence a single avenue 100 feet wide will run northward on the top of the hill to the county line, a distance of nearly 5 miles; and it is proposed to be continued on in the same manner by the inhabitants of Passaic County to Passaic, and thence to Paterson. This avenue in itself will be a beautiful feature, affording, as it does, a fine view of the Passaic River at one of its most charming points.

2. The Bloomfield Turnpike, running nearly straight from Newark through Bloomfield and Montclair to the top of Orange Mountain, a distance of 8 miles, is to be improved and widened to 100 feet.

3. A new avenue in continuation of Fifth-avenue of Newark, running in a straight line 100 feet wide, thus west a distance of 2¼ miles, and forming a connection with Park-avenue in Orange. The corporation of Newark will widen Fifth-avenue in Newark to 100 feet, and Park-avenue being 100 feet wide, this avenue will be a great boon to the district through which it passes, making a splendid drive from Broad-street, Newark, to the entrance of Llewellyn Park.

4. South Orange-avenue, running from Newark to South Orange, will be improved and widened to 80 feet a distance of about 2¾ miles.

5. Fifteenth-avenue, in Newark, will be lengthened till it meets South Orange-avenue, 100 feet wide, a distance of about 3 miles.

6. The present Springfield Turnpike, running through Irvington and Middleville, will be improved and widened to 100 feet, and extended on to Milburn. This avenue will form another fine feature in this system, running in a straight line for a distance of about 3 miles through a fine section of country.

7. A new avenue, 100 feet wide, from Clinton-avenue, in Newark, to Irvington, a distance of 2 miles. This avenue opens up a fine district, capable of great development.

8. The present Elizabeth road to be improved, widened and straightened as far as practicable to the county line, a distance of 2¾ miles.

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The United States vs. James Arthur.—In this case the prisoner was held to answer the charge of passing counterfeit money.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

The Powers represented in the Peace Conference have agreed that they are not bound to enforce its conclusions.

The Prince of Wales Theatre, in London, was entirely destroyed by fire on Wednesday night. No lives were lost.

A difficulty between Carlists and Liberals occurred in Tortosa, Spain, on Wednesday. The tumult was suppressed by the authorities. The Government is urged to send reinforcements to Cuba to suppress the insurrection there, and the Captain-General of Cuba has asked for 4,000 soldiers.

CONGRESS.

A number of petitions and memorials presented to the Senate yesterday were referred to Committees. Mr. MORRILL introduced a bill for the relief of the widow of President LINCOLN, setting forth that he was killed during the rebellion by the enemies of the country, while performing the duties of President and Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy, and that consequently his widow was as much entitled to a pension as was the widow of any other officer who fell during the war. Mr. SUMNER proposed that the pension be made $5,000 a year. The bill was referred to the Committee on Pensions. Mr. DOOLITTLE introduced a bill authorizing the President to give his consent to the landing of telegraphic cables upon our shores by foreign companies, provided foreign Governments granted the same right to American companies. Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. Mr. SUMNER introduced a bill to enforce certain provisions of the Fourteenth Amendment, which disqualified certain persons in the Southern States from holding office. The Senate then took up the resolution of the Legislature of Vermont, protesting against the consummation of a treaty with the Dominion of Canada, and declaring that our trade with foreign countries was not a proper subject for treaty stipulations, but should be regulated by a judicious tariff. Mr. MORRILL addressed the Senate at length in support of the resolution. The bill for the relief of Miss SUE MURPHY, of Alabama, for damages sustained during the war, was debated at considerable length. Without disposing of it the Senate adjourned.

Mr. ASHLEY, of Nevada, reported to the House from the Committee on Territories a bill to regulate the boundaries of certain Territories. The bill proposes to absorb the greater part of Utah in the adjoining Territories. Its consideration was postponed on account of the illness of the delegate from Utah. Mr. VAN HORN made a lengthy speech in favor of the bill providing for the Niagara Ship Canal. General debate followed, and the House adjourned without taking action on the bill.

GENERAL.

A dispatch from Wilmington, N. C., says that the steamship *Gulf City*, while on her regular trip between New-York and New-Orleans, was wrecked off Point Lookout on Monday night. The vessel went to pieces in a few hours. There were twenty-five persons on board at the time, only three of whom are known to have been saved. These three were picked up by a passing steamer and conveyed to Wilmington. Their names are PATRICK MCCLAIN, ANTHONY THOMAS and HENRY MCALLISTER.

Three more persons have died from injuries received in consequence of the explosion which occurred on the steamboat *Ohio*, near New-Orleans.

The Conservatives of King George County, Va., have appointed delegates to represent them in the Convention to be held in Richmond on the 10th day of February next, and instructed them to oppose the movement lately begun in favor of universal suffrage and universal amnesty.

A dispatch to the Toronto *Leader* denies the statement that Mr. RAZE represents the Canadian Government in the lobby at Washington, and declares that the Dominion has no representative in Washington except the British Minister, and he has not been asked by the Government to make any representation regarding a renewal of the Reciprocity treaty.

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Judge SWAYNE of the United States Circuit Court for the Cleveland (Ohio) District, has ordered the continuation of the naturalization cases now pending in that Court, until after the decision by the Supreme Court of the questions raised in the New-York naturalization cases that were carried up on a writ of error.

A complimentary banquet was given last evening at DELMONICO's to JAMES W. GERARD, Esq., by the members of the New-York Bar, on his retirement from practice. Hon. F. R. CONKLING presided, and speeches were made by JAMES W. GERARD, Judge BLATCHFORD, DAVID PAUL BROWN of Philadelphia, LUTHER R. MARSH, JAMES T. BRADY, and others.

Grammar School No. 27 yesterday presented twelve lady graduates with certificates of fitness to act as teachers.

The New-York Prison Association held its annual election of officers and Executive Committee yesterday afternoon. The annual report of the Society, containing matter of special interest, will be ready in the course of a month.

The Arion Society held the first of a series of three private musical parties last night at Germania Hall, Bowery, prepatory to the first musical ball at the Academy of Music on the 4th of February. It was a mingling of grotesque speeches and songs, followed by a ball. The next will take place on the 28th inst.

The Fruit-Growers' Club, an organization which has been meeting weekly for a year or more past, at No. 245 Broadway, permanently organized yesterday. It is hoped by the members that their meetings for the interchange of views will advance the art of horticulture and fruiculture.

Cotton opened briskly yesterday at advancing prices, but closed dull and weak. Flour, Corn, Pork and Lard were easier in price and not in urgent request. A moderate business was reported in Wheat at steady rates; and in Oats and Hogs at rather higher figures. Petroleum was more sought after and was dearer. Freights were quiet and rates drooping.

The Tariff—Protection to the Foreign Manufacturer.

This journal, as our readers are aware, has no objection to a revenue tariff involving a fair amount of protection to home interests. It has, however, a strong objection to that form of tariff which is simply a protection to the foreign producer. That "subtle and effective form of protection" of which Mr. WELLS speaks as characterizing English legislation, permitting the English manufacturer to apply the largest amount of home labor to the smallest value of raw material under the cheapest conditions, thus guarding him effectively against foreign competition, is the kind of protection which we hope to see imitated here.

At present we have an ingenious scale of duties framed, under an act which might be entitled an "Act to protect English manufacturers," whereby various branches of home production are being carefully and slowly ruined, and the consumers are paying enormous and useless taxes. If merely our individual manufacturers were thus made bankrupts or reduced in business the loss might be borne with patience; but for every badly-laid protective duty each man, woman and child pay from their daily earnings or income. Every person in the Union is poorer when Congress enacts a tax which increases prices and bolsters up the foreign producer. The *seventy-nine per cent. increase* in each family's expenses since 1860, which Mr. WELLS has demonstrated, comes from just such careless legislation. It is true, indeed, as the enlightened views of modern political economy demand, that the advantage to the foreign producer is, other things being equal, a benefit to us; but if his profit is mainly our loss, the trade or exchange is a bad one, and its basis should be changed.

The theory of the last tariff was the opposite to the English theory of protection—that is to protect the raw material or elements necessary to various great manufactures, not to cheapen them. Congress began with the purpose of protecting certain important branches, such as ship-building, hook-making, wool manufacture and others. Then came the cry from other interests. The copper miners urged that native copper has as good a claim to protection as any other product; the lumber and iron and cordage interests pressed the same argument for their products; the paper manufacturers clamored for duties on foreign paper, the wool-growers on foreign wool, and so on with the producers or growers of every one of the materials of our great manufactures. The result was that we protected the materials of our shipbuilding until we drove the manufacture of ships out of the country, so that as the epigrammatic words of Mr. WELLS, "To-day we can neither build, buy nor sell an American vessel." Every article which enters into the construction of an American ship is so dear, that our builders cannot for a day compete with foreign shipbuilders. This instance is the most striking of hundreds under the late tariff, because there is a necessary free trade in ships. Foreign ships cannot, except by a blockade, be prohibited from our ports, and they thus enter into unrestricted competition in all, except the coast trade, with American vessels, and in this one branch we have spread clearly before the world the unproductiveness of our industry under the present tariff.

But the same facts are true equally of other branches. We have protected materials for book-making until it is cheaper to make books in England, and import them against a high tariff, than to make them here. We have protected wool till we have nearly ruined the home manufacture. We have protected lumber and iron and materials, till we have almost stopped house-building. In numerous branches we have been studiously protecting the foreign producer, until, so unproductive has our manufacturing become, that, as Mr. WELLS says, if we had ships furnished to hand free of cost, we could make but a sparing use of them, as the high prices of our commodities prevent the profitable exchange that constitutes commerce.

It is a tariff, in the words of this able report, which "is based upon small issues rather than upon any great national principle; a tariff which is unjust and unequal; which needlessly enhances prices; which takes far more indirectly from the people than is received into the Treasury; which renders an exchange of domestic for foreign commodities nearly impossible; which necessitates the continual exportation of obligations of national indebtedness and of the precious metals, and which, while professing to protect American industry, really, in many cases, discriminates against it."

It is evident that such raw materials which enter into so many important manufactures, as dye-woods and dye materials, crude India-rubber, soda-ash, bleaching powders, guano, sulphur, hides and horns, leather furs, ivory, raw silk, gums, rags, jute, saltpetre, tin, and the like, should be admitted duty free. A tax on them benefits the foreign manufacturer alone. Above all, lumber ought to be free, for it enters, in cost of houses, into the expenses of every individual, and the home interest is independent of protection.

Will Congress permit this encouragement of the foreign manufacturer to continue, while our own producers are being ruined, and the whole country find their annual average expenses raised more than seventy-five per cent. in nine years? Under such a system of taxation, a few lucky speculators and enormously wealthy companies are made richer, but the great masses of the poor become poorer, and the middle classes find the utmost difficulty in meeting their necessary annual expenses. The consumer is everywhere paying taxes, which benefit either no one or only a few individuals.

Labor and capital are withdrawn from productive branches and turned to unprofitable ones, while the class who will gain most from our tariff are the English manufacturers.

The Manifest Destiny Debate.

We all remember the immortal Pogram, who wished it to be written on his tombstone that "He was a member of the Con-gress of our common country, and was so-Tive in his trust," and whose eloquence was of the sort "calc'lated to make the British Lion put his tail between his legs and howl with anguish."

Strangely enough, this language has been usually interpreted as satire, and as containing a gross "libel" on the American Eagle; whereas, in the great House debate of Wednesday, Pogram was completely outdone. With a wealth of mixed metaphor that must throw effete European orators into despair, Mr. MULLINS said:

"We are a city set upon a hill, and our light cannot be put under a bushel. We are a great light-house, and our influence should go forth to break the fetters of the enslaved and to destroy kingly dominions. We should spread out our arms like some, that those in bondage should come to us. Republican life was the principle when God covenanted with man, and made him a free agent, and despotism should no longer dominate over the world."

Truly we may ask, with Col. Diver, "Are there not flowery components in the language of our friend?"

And by as much as Mr. MULLINS surpassed Elijah Pogram in pyrotechnic patriotism, by so much did Mr. MAYNARD surpass Jefferson Brick, and Gen. BANKS outstrip Brick and Pogram combined. When we find Mr. MAYNARD declaring that it is an "influence on the banks of the Tiber," that has "kindled the disturbances in the heaven-adorned region of St. Domingo," we can only match it with Gen. BUTLER's doctrine that the Antilles and the Sandwich Islands "belong" to the United States "by position and *the law of nature*." When we find Mr. STEVENS announcing, with an appearance of semi-official authority, that "if there were *anything* decreed in the counsels of Infinite Wisdom, it was the destiny of the American Government to spread itself over all this continent and the islands adjacent thereto," we can only tally it with Gen. BANKS' personal assurance that "the Providence of God had forced this subject" of protecting Hayti upon us, and accordingly "it could not be avoided by laying it on the table"—and then wonder at the daring impiety of the House in immediately *laying it* upon the table by a vote of nearly 4 to 1.

So, when we hear one gentleman saying that the "authority" for establishing protectorates was "the declaration of our national conventions and the imperial power of the ballot-box," we are not surprised to find another gentleman fathering manifest destiny on CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS and the Continental Congress; though the logic by which this last gentleman "supposed that when our fathers called their Congress and their money 'Continental,' they thereby embraced these Gulf Islands as belonging to our political future," is something we cannot quite comprehend.

There was only one possible way of handling this wild debate, and turning the whole thing into ridicule—and Mr. ROSSEAU supplied it. When the House of Representatives was seriously debating a proposition to "extend protection to any islands in the Atlantic or Pacific Oceans which lie nearer to the coast of the United States than to that of any foreign Government," it needed Mr. ROSSEAU to move an amendment "including *Ireland*," on the ground that "steam and the telegraph brought Ireland under the scope of the proposition, and made Ireland a country adjacent to the United States." This proposition (for which Mr. ROSSEAU deserves the thanks of the country,) put a fine climax on the debate; and when he announced that "Ireland with a fair field will lick England any day," and that "England will not have peace until Ireland is incorporated into our Union," DICKENS' portrait gallery was complete, and to the Bricks and Pograms and Scudders, Mr. ROSSEAU added in his own person, Mr. Lafayette Kettle, whose dearest sentiment was "may the British Lion have his talons eradicated by the noble bill of the American Eagle, and be taught to play upon the Irish Harp that music which is breathed in every shell that lies upon the shores of Green Columbia."

Compared with these lofty sentiments, how groveling are the words of Mr. DELANO, that "he did not know how much of this earth should be subject to us," and that "if we have a manifest destiny, it should be that which shows to the world that we have a Government which respects the rights of all nations, doing no wrong ourselves, and submitting to no wrong from others."

Mr. Hatch and Reciprocity.

The report of Mr. HATCH on the commercial relations of the United States with Canada is conclusive against the old Reciprocity Treaty. If the continuance or abrogation of that were the matter in controversy, we should confess that he had made out his case. No man did more, probably, to expose the one-sidedness of the former arrangement, and the bad faith of Canadian Ministers and legislators during its continuance.

But this is not now the point to be considered. The old treaty is out of the way. Whether good or bad, it is no longer worth writing about. The only use we can make of it is that of a guide when we come to adjust the details of another treaty. Ten years' experience of the working of reciprocal trade necessarily suggests the proper basis of any future arrangement. Even the unfairness of the Canadian authorities in the matter of discriminating duties deserves to be remembered only as a reason for guarding against the recurrence of the injustice. In this light only are the most telling portions of Mr. HATCH's report deserving of consideration.

The expediency of a new treaty of reciprocity is not disproved by anything that Mr. HATCH has said. Mr. WELLS, who is a more impartial witness, is positive as to the inconvenience and injury occasioned by the absolute termination of reciprocal intercourse, and as to the wisdom of renewing it in some shape without delay. His testimony, we believe, harmonizes with that of the great body of business men, and with the interests of the whole people.

But we have no immediate expectation of reciprocity in any shape. Congress affords no reason to hope that the present session will yield anything satisfactory in regard to finance, revenue, or trade; and it were folly to suppose that reciprocity stands any chance of enactment apart from an exhaustive examination of the fiscal question.

See Murphy in the Senate.

The zeal of Democratic Senators in behalf of "Sue MURPHY" and her claim for compensation is at least intelligible. The more they embarrass the Government and cast discredit upon its condition, the better is it for their partisan purposes. They would rather not have the Treasury prosperous and the financial course of the country smooth, while the ruling power is in the hands of Republicans. And they know that their purpose cannot be promoted more effectually than by accumulating debt. Every addition they make to the national indebtedness furnishes them with a fresh illustration of recklessness and misgovernment. There can be no improvement of the public credit while these additions are possible.

Why Republican Senators lend themselves to a policy which is fraught with mischief, not to say danger, is not so apparent. The hardships and losses borne by loyal residents of the South during the rebellion were undoubtedly cruel and severe, but they were incident to the situation, and form no title to Governmental compensation. As a matter of humanity they had a right to expect succor and consideration wherever and whenever the national authority was reestablished, and both were granted promptly and freely. More than this they are not justified in asking. Nor is Congress justified in entertaining propositions in their nature untenable, and which cannot be acceded to without exposing the Treasury to bankruptcy. It is not in the power of the Government to make money payments for all the sufferings and sacrifices endured, even by its friends, in the midst of a struggle which pressed hardly upon the whole country, and there is neither prudence nor equity in attempting a feat which points directly to national insolvency. These Southern claims to relief ought not to be granted if they could, and, though they were ten times stronger than they are, their settlement would be financially impossible.

The difficulty confessed by the Senators of determining whether "Sue MURPHY" was or was not as loyal as she professes to have been, illustrates the folly of opening the door to a class of claims which would seem designed to cover falsehood and fraud. Neither the Senate nor the most active of its committees could hope to discriminate between the genuine and the counterfeit, and either, we suspect, would soon abandon the attempt. The result may be imagined. If the champions of "Sue MURPHY" be listened to, we shall have an endless array of applicants, all converted by the help of perjury into suffering loyalists, and in the aggregate forming an interest strong enough to buy its passage through both Houses.

The only way to prevent wholesale knavery and rescue the Treasury from the peril which menaces it, is to refuse to entertain what is admitted to be the last claim. It is easy to understand why a woman's case has been selected for the experiment, but not so easy to comprehend the respect accorded to a pretence which appeals to the fears of those who resist it. The moral standing of a claim cannot be good whose advocates threaten the bondholders with repudiation if the Sue Murphys of the South be denied what they want. The most that can be said in support of the claim is, that the principle on which it rests merits an intelligent decision; and when Mr. FOWLER and others confound a question of this sort with the recognized financial obligations of the Government, they simply show how little their judgment should be trusted, and how indifferent they are to the honor and interest of the country.

Mr. Gladstone and the Approaching Session of Parliament.

The approaching session of the English Parliament seems likely to prove the most exciting that has been held for many years—certainly since 1832. It is true that, as we have frequently pointed out, the new House of Commons is composed of identically the same class, if not of the same men, as the last, electoral reform notwithstanding. The same men, in the great majority of cases, sit for the same constituencies, and probably half of the two hundred new members are brothers, sons, nephews or other relatives of their predecessors in the seats they now occupy. And even where the seat has gone "out of the family," the difference simply is that one influential landowner has been succeeded by another in a county, or one large manufacturer has taken a borough seat vacated by one of his rivals in business and in local influence.

At no general election, probably, has there been less change in the general composition of the House of Commons. In 1832, power was wrested to a great extent from the territorial aristocracy, and the introduction into the House of a large number of merchants and manufacturers was looked upon almost as a revolutionary innovation. But nothing similar has happened in consequence of the Reform bill of 1867, and yet the general feeling in England seems to be that changes of the most important kind are to be anticipated.

Very few, if any, of the Liberal leaders have yet declared open war upon the Established Church in England, and yet the presentation to a number of English livings which were recently offered for sale, realized next to nothing, would-be buyers openly expressing their belief that the Church in England would probably meet sooner or later with the same fate as that to which the Church in Ireland is already doomed. This may or may not prove to be the case, but the fact shows plainly enough the general distrust that exists in England as to the political future, and the general indisposition to risk anything in any investment which may possibly be subjected, at no distant period, to the interference of the Legislature. But a few months ago "livings" in the Church of England had their market value, just like any other species of property, and that value could be estimated just as accurately; but now, without any direct attack on the Church, "probabilities" and "adversaries" have become a drug in the market.

Changes of all kinds have been so rapid of late, and leading statesmen now talk so freely of "reforms" which a generation ago, or less, would have been stigmatized as "revolutionary," that a general feeling of uncertainty and bewilderment seems to pervade the entire class which is concerned, more or less directly, in the maintenance of "vested interests." No one can tell what is going to happen, and even though the House of Commons may be much the same personally, it is universally felt that its members are now amenable to very different influences from those which have controlled the action of its predecessors.

Under these circumstances, a great deal naturally depends upon the character and tendencies of the man who has risen to supreme power upon the advancing wave of Liberalism, and in whose hands is placed, to a great extent, the control of the new movement. Mr. GLADSTONE now occupies a position such as has never been held by any previous Prime Minister of Great Britain. That great changes in English institutions are impending, nobody can doubt; and it is equally certain that the party throughout the country which is prepared to initiate these changes, has deliberately chosen Mr. GLADSTONE as its leader. He is supported by an overwhelming majority, and nearly four hundred out of six hundred and fifty members of the House of Commons are pledged to follow his lead or be branded as deserters from their party, and with the fate of the "Adullamites" before their eyes, few are likely to risk the latter alternative.

In the coming session, Mr. GLADSTONE will have the opportunity, if ever a Minister had it, to prove himself a great statesman and a wise ruler of a great country at a most critical period. It may be said, without exaggeration, that he has it in his power to precipitate a revolution, with all the evils of violent and ill-considered change, or to guide and control the popular movement in England so that it shall inure to the lasting benefit of the Kingdom—to reform and ameliorate without unnecessary violence and uprooting of deeply-rooted institutions. He may have certain weaknesses of temperament, but no one can doubt his great ability or his patriotism and integrity of character. It is clear, too, that he is really the popular leader of the day, popular we mean throughout the country, and not merely in the circles which arrogate to themselves, or have done hitherto, the making of Governments and the moulding of measures in England. He has a great future before him, and though surrounded by great difficulties, his opportunities for the highest distinction are still greater.

Criminal Appeals in the Federal Courts.

We see that Senator TRUMBULL has introduced a bill into the Senate to provide for the due execution of judgments of the Federal Courts in capital criminal cases. According to the synopsis of the bill which has been given, it provides that whenever a judgment of death shall be given in any United States Court, and the case "shall be carried to the Supreme Court by appeal or writ of error, in pursuance of law," the execution shall be postponed until the decision of the Supreme Court in the case, and it further provides for the execution of the decree, if the Supreme Court shall sustain the judgment.

We have no doubt that some such provision is needed in the criminal law of the United States. It does not, as we understand, make any change in the present law, but only provides for a state of things for which, at present, no provision is made. But it seems to us that if the bill is as stated, it will fail short of the object which it is intended to meet. It happens to be the fact, as the criminal law of the United States now stands, that no judgment can be carried to the Supreme Court in a criminal case, by appeal or writ of error. The only way in which a criminal case can be taken to the Supreme Court for review, is by procuring two Judges to sit on the trial of the case, and then procuring a division of opinion between them as to questions of law involved. It was in this way, as will be remembered, that the question of the effect of the President's Amnesty Proclamation (we mean the one before the last) was taken up to the Supreme Court in JEFF. DAVIS' case. Chief Justice CHASE and Judge UNDERWOOD, who sat on the hearing of the motion to quash the indictment, either actually differed in opinion on the question, or perhaps only agreed to disagree, because they agreed that the questions involved were of such importance that they ought to be passed upon by the Supreme Court.

Mr. TRUMBULL's bill, then, should be amended so as to give a right to appeal from such judgments, and then the rest of his bill will be appropriate. Indeed, we do not hesitate to say, as we have said often before, that some provision ought to be made for appeals in all criminal cases. We do not mean that every criminal case should be appealed, but that some law should be passed, applicable not only to capital cases, but to all classes of offences, by which appeals might be taken to the Supreme Court without the present cumbersome machinery of two Judges and a division of opinion. Let an appeal be allowed wherever the Judge who tried the case shall certify that the questions are of sufficient importance to justify the appeal. That is substantially all that we get now, and to obtain this, under the present system, counsel have to arrange with the Judges that two of them shall sit in any particular case. Hence oftentimes arise delays and difficulties which might be obviated under a simpler system. This bill of Mr. TRUMBULL's furnishes a good opportunity to make a change for the better.

MINOR TOPICS.

We are quite sure that even with the loudest demands for economy, and the strongest opposition to unnecessary expenditures, the American people will approve the passage of the bill introduced in Congress yesterday by Senator MORRILL, to give a pension (of say $5,000 per annum) to the widow of the late President LINCOLN.

Senator WILSON proposes to modify instead of repeal, the Tenure-of-Office law, and introduced a bill for that purpose yesterday.

The *Tribune* says it has "done its share toward exposing whisky frauds, fighting the battle a long time *single-handed and alone*." This is a little ungrateful on our neighbor's part. Through nearly the whole of its "fight" it had the able and effective aid of the DUROCS and their affidavits, and the testimony of several other allies of the same stamp, in its endeavors to have District-Attorney CONKLING, Collector BARNEY and other officials removed from office. The DUROCS have already been convicted of fraud, and others probably will be. The *Tribune* is likely to be much more "single-handed and alone" in its peculiar campaign after its old allies have taken up their quarters in the penitentiary, than it has been hitherto.

The formidable strength of the Cuban revolt may be seen from the demand of the new Captain-General to be reinforced by 4,000 additional troops. This will give him an army over 20,000 strong.

A bill providing for the further diminution of the dominions of BRIGHAM YOUNG, was introduced in the House yesterday by Mr. ASHLEY, of Nevada, who said it was favored by all the trans-Missouri representatives in Congress. The bill apportions the greater part of Utah among the States and Territories that adjoin it, and gives the Mormons little more than Salt Lake City. Mr. ASHLEY said that his original purpose was to blot out Utah as a separate Territory, but he had agreed to modify his measure. We believe the passage of this bill would be one of the best means of breaking down BRIGHAM YOUNG's power, and destroying that "twin relic of barbarism," polygamy.

The first number of *Punch* (London) for the current year, contains a preface inscribing the volume for 1869 to President GRANT. The preface is in the form of a dialogue between *Mr. Punch* and ULYSSES GRANT, and is doubtless intended to be very complimentary to GRANT; but it is a queer compliment to put foolish, vulgar and profane language into his mouth. *Mr. Punch* entirely misunderstands ULYSSES GRANT.

The President sent some remarkable nominations to the Senate yesterday. Among them were Mr. PERRY FULLER, to be Collector at New-Orleans; Mr. TOM FLORENCE, to be Assessor for the Second District of Pennsylvania, and Mr. JOHN Y. SAVAGE, of this City, to be Consul at Leeds. Mr. SAVAGE is the well-known Fenian Head-Centre, and it is desired that he be sent to England, in an official capacity, as a test of the citizenship question. In other words, he has incited war, if not levied war, against the British Government from this country, as Mr. LAIRD levied war against our Government from England; and he is to be sent as Consul to Leeds for the purpose of finding out whether such conduct is covered by the fact of his American citizenship. We doubt whether the English Government would recognize him if he were sent; but we have no idea he will be sent. We should count it a gross discourtesy, if not an insult, for the English Government to send Mr. LAIRD, or even Mr. ROSEBUD, as Consul to New-York; and we do not believe the Senate will send an avowed plotter against the English Government to represent us at an English port.

The proposition of Mr. ALLAIRE, of Brooklyn, to make the position of Register of Kings County a salaried office, is a good one. A law which fixes the Register's salary at $6,000, allows him a deputy at $3,000, three index clerks and eight searchers at $1,200 each, a messenger at $1,000, and as many copyists as the public service may require at six cents a folio, cannot be complained of as ungenerous; and, we doubt not the office would not go begging at that. Had that been the arrangement last year the County Treasury would have been the gainer by $30,000 to $40,000, and the officials in charge would not have been tempted to make so many overcharges in fees as were complained of. We hope the bill will be put through, both for the public and private interests of our neighbors on Long Island.

WENDELL PHILLIPS never gets tired of "spitting" at GRANT. He is now out against him bitterly for his "childish reticence" and "obstinate silence." He compares him with the meanest and most contemptible character in American history, and describes him as "thoroughly American in the worst sense of the name during our worst times." He says he has "no extra trust in Mr. GRANT's knowledge of the indispensable preliminaries to Peace;" and it is evident from his recent diatribes that he is getting the loudest words in his dishwife's vocabulary ready for use against GRANT. We have no doubt that in less than a year from now ANDREW JOHNSON will stand forth as a statesman, seer and philosopher in comparison with the etchings of GRANT by PHILLIPS.

We incline to think that Mr. SUMNER is both sound and safe in saying of MARLON LOOMIS, M. D.'s new mode of "telegraphing without the use of wires," that it is "either a great case of moonshine or else it marks an epoch in the progress of invention." But before that "appropriation of $50,000" is passed, it may be well to find out which.

It was unlucky for Mr. ASHLEY's Alaska scheme, (which, however, did not stand much chance anyhow,) that the very last news we got from that region was that "the Russians had mostly left, and accordingly Sitka was almost depopulated." Mr. ASHLEY should have broached his territorial plan earlier, when there were a few hundred Russians remaining; but, with the army taking care of itself, of the Esquimaux and the Indians, it was a little too much to ask for a "Legislature and Judiciary," to say nothing of a Governor and Secretary, at about $50,000 a year, for some 100 white men.

We notice several notable points appearing in the State Legislature despite the United States Senatorial excitement. The Broadway Surface Railroad is again getting into position for pushing; and the "Three-tier" road as well. There is no doubt we need some additional through facilities, and the three-tier scheme has the recommendation of wanting to run at one side of the great highway. But the Broadway Surface Road is bad without mitigation. It would obstruct traffic and seriously increase for many months the very evil on which it relies as a cause for coming into existence. Even if such a road could be laid in a single night by some all-powerful slave of "the Ring," its usefulness would be a debatable question. But our Ring doesn't believe in that kind of a job. How about the "new" Court-house?—it is not yet born, and already old!

The inauguration dancers in Washington are in a quandary over the Senate's refusal to let them promenade in the Capitol rotunda, and yet do not want to pay $10,000 for a hall. In this exigency, why not resort to Mr. JAMES FISK, Jr., who is a distinguished "operator" both in dances and finances? We venture to predict that the Erie and opera manager would smooth away for them all difficulties.

A recent number of the *Pall Mall Gazette* quotes, from a paper by Dr. HAWKESLEY, a statement that $7,000,000, or thirty-five million dollars in gold, is spent for the relief of distress in London every year. The *Gazette* mentions this striking fact for the special benefit of Americans, (1) to correct their impression that the poor in England are left to starve without an attempt to save them,—(2) to suggest to Americans in London the wisdom of not "distributing largess to professional beggars in the street," in custom to which we did not know that Americans were largely addicted,) and (3) to caution them against allowing their own poor laws from ever getting into such a plight as the English. If there is anything more startling than the enormous sum given for the relief of the poor in London, it is the very small impression made by it on the aggregate poverty and wretchedness of that city. There is certainly good ground for the warning the *Gazette* gives us in this matter. In proportion to the population we are inclined to think there is quite as much of squalid poverty and suffering in New-York as there is in London; and as things are going on, when it becomes as large and as populous, there will be more. The law in this country does less for the relief of the poor, or for preventing the growth of poverty, than is done in England. Natural causes tending to the same result are less effective here than there, taking the country as a whole, because we have more room; but in great cities like this there is but very little difference, and that little, we are inclined to think, is against us.

We can tell the honest members of the State Legislature whom they should not vote for in the contest for the Senatorship. They should not vote for any candidate who has attempted to obtain their vote through corrupt means, or who has sought to influence them through the use of money, or who has tried in any way to induce them into his support through any agency not approved by the highest sense of honesty and integrity. Refuse to vote for such a man under any circumstances—no matter what may be his party standing or personal ability. If we would save the State we must destroy corruption, and defeat corrupt politicians.

LIFE IN WASHINGTON.

The Stranger in the City—Washington as a Gay Metropolis—Society, Fashion and Flirtation.

From Our Special Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Monday, Jan. 11, 1869.

The stranger, who, in his night travel has slept through all the approaches to Washington, must experience an odd sensation on making his first acquaintance with its sloppy, slippery thoroughfares in the gray of the dawn. The street-car, filled with a despondent set of creatures depressed by the need of their early eye-openers, seems to be jolting through open country, with a city in the distance. Now the mist, steaming up everywhere around, opens and discloses some public building with the hamlet which it has huddled about itself; now a lofty Heaven gives the glimpse of a waning moon, the morning-star flames out, a red and yellow sunrise burns behind the silver cloud of the Capitol dome, and the whole city, in its splendor and its squalor, would be bare to view, if it were possible to map out at once in the mind or before the eye anything but the slightest segment of a place that has as much the effect of lying round loose as if an earthquake had shaken it. The stranger's bewilderment will be still further increased by a stroll upon the avenues, which have a fashion of turning out in the most accommodating way for any edifice that fances their situation, and to keep upon which he is so perpetually crossing one street or losing his way down another, that it is hard not to imagine himself metamorphosed into a spider walking across a web.

Washington is, in fact, a place by itself; unless some of Mr. TRAIN's Western cities have adapted themselves to the scale of the Western wilderness, there can hardly be anything like it in existence. Its concentric labyrinth is unique among the mob of checker-board cities. One comes upon it out of the bustle and hurly-burly of New-York, as one would come upon a solitude, for were Broadway emptied on the avenue it would scarcely make a ripple; and no stranger contrast can be imagined than that presented between the crookedness of Boston, with the picturesque openings of its hill-built streets, narrow to oppression, and the wide ways and the opulence of sky, the width and height of Washington.

It is very much the fashion to decry Washington as an altogether odious and abominable region; but wherefore, one is at a loss to say. Its comforts and its pleasures are very much the same as those of other large places; if it takes you all day to go anywhere, you are but too well repaid on arriving—for life indeed is at concert-pitch here, and there is such an emphasis and accumulation of excitement and emotion that one lives here, as it were, two lives in the ordinary span of one. While, on the other hand, if you should desire it, nowhere else are you so magnificently let alone. To the imaginative person, its breadth of horizon, its lofty reaches of atmosphere, are a perpetual refuge; the advantage of the town and the enjoyment of the country are his at once; while, should he need social stimulus, he can meet it at every turn in those who throng here either with axes to grind or wits to sharpen, and the attrition of eager minds he will find giving a light and easy sparkle to the social tone that well might rival Paris, if Paris were not occupied with frivolities and Washington with tremendous continental interests.

Washington, in truth, is not peopled by fools, but by the ability of the nation. In the background of its resident population there is as much solid culture as in any other city; and if its dignitaries and officials of the time-being did not arrive here by means of the last scholasticism, they came because they had the power to do so,—and power, rather than culture, is the need of a generation that has a continent to open. Each individual represents a certain crude superiority, full of interest; he does not write books, it may be, nor perhaps, does he read many, but he is a book himself; this one is intellectual force, that one executive; he uses bad grammar, it is very likely, but his brain is a pocket for great ideas. In the New World, as in the old, first ACHILLES, and afterward HOMER. The West, in fact, is an education in itself; it is the West that predominates and rules to-day; and one cannot be dealing with the problems of nature, developing deserts, overcoming oceans, penetrating mountain ranges, feeding an empire and almost a world, without acquiring a kindred greatness to the subjects handled. Weariness and satiety,

wildernesses to become the gardens of the world; that a vast system of railways is intersecting every region, and sending the nation's heart's blood pulsating freely between its nearest and remotest sections; that the cut across the Isthmus of Darien is to mingle two oceans in one, diminish the circumference of the globe after the ratio in which any two sides of a spherical triangle are greater than the third, and take toll of all the commerce of the earth; that the Niagara Ship Canal is to fetch craft from Colonia to Chicago without breaking bulk, unlock the granary of the great lake bottoms and ferry the Atlantic Ocean half way across the continent. Not content with such undertakings and possibilities, with rendering such account of the territory that has been given into our hands, as we receive balance we are stretching out those hands to grasp still more. Canada and Mexico hang before us in nebulous splendor, ready to be resolved into stars, and we are about to extend a Protectorate over Cuba, Hayti and St. Domingo, which shall give us the keys of the Gulf, make us the masters of our own house, as we have never been before, and, in the end, enrich us as if we were Spaniards of the fifteenth century.

Now, satisfied with such material advances, is there pause. But, in order to heal our financial diseases, we have gone delving down beneath the very roots of all political economy and national interchange; and in Gen. BUTLER'S counting speech to-day, an idea has been unveiled which must be either the most chimerical of all, a leaf borrowed from the Utopian code, or else the grandest step in financial progress ever taken—advising us, as it does, to dispense with gold and silver other than as marketable bullion for those that want them and have commodities to give for them—symbols of no more inherent value than cowrie-shells or wampum—and to trade, instead, on the basis of the public faith, a currency which, he declares, shall really be the exponent of national ability and tangible wealth, and whose use shall bind the body politic together in one blood and one breath, and make us twice and thrice a nation. Whether the principle be fact or falsity, it is so novel and so prodigious, revolutionizing money as it would, if carried into practice, that it takes the breath away to think of it.

Meanwhile, in the repeal by the House of the Tenure-of-Office bill, there is a promise of the Government's preservation of all its old original functions, and again standing "four-square to every wind that blows."

You see that, on the whole, the Winter is not likely to be devoid of interest. Nevertheless, the floating crowd about town is small, its arbitrators waiting for the season of the inauguration. The office-seekers of the last Administration have departed, and of the next have not arrived; and what few politicians have not given way to men of ideas are in as fortunate a fix as those happy sailors who, having steered completely round the world, come out of the Thursday of east longitude, into the Thursday of west longitude, and have two diff-days in their week. For with two Administrations in full blast, there is certainly dull, and to spare, for every politician in Washington. DOMINO.

AMUSEMENTS.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.

There are few more pleasant comedies than "She Stoops to Conquer." It is filled with the most ingenious confusions, both of plot and dialogue. The characters are types of their time; not the best types, perhaps, but amusing ones, and well sustained in the cast. The language is in GOLDSMITH'S happiest vein, with just sufficient sentiment in it to appeal to the young imagination. This work was admirably given last evening—so admirably that it is difficult to discriminate in the merits of the artists. Mr. LESTER WALLACK'S *Young Marlowe* is well known. It is conceded to be one of his best personations. The *Hardcastle* of Mr. JOHN GILBERT is in every way a good performance, as is also the *Mrs. Hardcastle* of Mrs. VERNON. The *Young Lumpkin* of Mr. GEO. HOLLAND is still as funny as of old. Mr. D. P. BISHOP was well dressed, quiet and gentlemanly as *Hastings*. Miss EFFINGER as the heroine (*Miss Hardcastle*) was in every way charming. The scene in the fourth act, where she expresses her affection for *Marlowe*, was given with sweetness and simplicity. MRS. PEYSERS was also good as *Miss Neville*. Indeed, every one contributed to an admirable performance. The piece will be repeated on Tuesday.

THE GRAND OPERA HOUSE.

This is the title given to the beautiful building erected by Mr. FIZZ and purchased by Messrs. "GOULD & FISK, JR." Beyond this alteration in the name there is little or no change. The entire company remains as under Mr. EATEMAN'S rule, and "La Perichole" will run its prosperous career to the end. Mr. ANGELO BURGFELD has been appointed manager of the opera, and we venture to say that a better selection could not have been made. This is the last week of the ballet troupe headed by Mlle. DE ROSA, a quick and spirited dancerine.

STEINWAY HALL.

The second of Mr. THEODORE THOMAS' excellent series of symphony soirée will take place on Saturday evening. The programme contains but three numbers; they are, however, all important, and two of them are new. The first is a musical character-sketch on the prevalent subject of "Faust," by BURGMULLER. It is numbered as the 66th of the author's works, and is certainly an interesting contribution to the modern repertoire. Succeeding this is a Spring fantasia (opus 28) by GADE. Both these works are played for the first time in America. GADE's work is peculiar in its construction. There are three movements, each reflecting a different shade of allegro, a vocal quartette, and parts for piano and orchestra. The quartette is composed of Miss MARIE SCHAYNAR, Miss PAULINE RICHARDS, Mr. ERNE SCHOCHNER and Mr. MARCO DONCHIEFF. The piano partition will be sustained by Herr FERDINAND VON JULIEN. The last piece on the programme is BEETHOVEN'S 7th symphony in A, opus 92.

MME. PAREPA-ROSA.

This favorite songstress will give her second and last grand concert at Steinway Hall to-night, assisted as on the previous occasion, by Mr. BROCKHOUSE, Signor FERRANTI, Mr. CARL ROSA, and Mr. J. LEVY, the renowned cornet-à-piston. Mr. COLBY presides at the piano. The programme promises a number of morceaux of the most varied kind, and their performance will certainly be perfect. Among the novelties will be a song by GERMAN MANNERS, called, "Wake Shall I See my Darling Again?"

MATINEE TO-MORROW.

OFFENBACH'S popular opera, "La Perichole" will be given to-morrow afternoon at the "Grand Opera House," (lately Fitz's.) The doors will be opened at 1 o'clock, and the performance will commence at 2.

At the French Theatre the musical performance of HERVE'S opera, "L'Œil Crevé," which has been received here with great favor, will commence at 1 o'clock, the doors being opened at 12½.

A "grand family matinée," whatever that may be, will be given at the Tammany at 2 o'clock.

"Humpty Dumpty" matinée, with its gay circus accessories, at 1:30.

The last matinée but one of BOUCICAULT'S play, "The Emerald Ring," will be given at the Broadway at 2 o'clock.

Gen. McClellan's Letter Declining the Presidency of the University of California.

The following letter from Gen. McCLELLAN, declining the Presidency of the University of California, has been received by the Secretary of the Board of Regents:

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 8, 1868.

To Andrew F. Rodolf, Secretary Board of Regents, University of California:

DEAR SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your official notification of my election to the President of the University, by the Board of Regents. I have written to His Excellency Gov. HAIGHT upon the subject, and while obliged to repeat in this letter that I must, with sincere regret, decline the honor conferred upon me, I gladly avail myself of the opportunity to repeat the expression of my deep sense of the very distinguished honor conferred upon me, and of my warm thanks to the members of the Board for their kind regard for me. I am, dear sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant, GEO. B. MCCLELLAN.

TELEGRAMS.

THE EASTERN QUESTION.

The Powers Represented in the Recent Conference not to Enforce Its Decision.

LONDON, Thursday, Jan. 14.

It has been agreed that the Powers represented in the Conference on the Eastern question shall not, by reason of their participation in the Conference, be held bound to enforce its conclusions.

The Press of London and Paris almost unanimously condemns the attitude of Greece in insisting on representation in the Conference.

PARIS, Thursday, Jan. 14—Evening.

The Conference on the Eastern question held another session this afternoon. M. RANGABE, the Minister of Greece, was absent as before. The Press of this city generally urge the continuance of the Conference. It is understood that the Greek Government is preparing a diplomatic circular to the Foreign Powers on the questions at issue.

SPAIN.

A Carlist Demonstration at Tortosa—The Cuban Insurrection.

MADRID, Thursday, Jan. 14.

A tumult occurred in Tortosa yesterday, growing out of a quarrel between the Liberal and Carlist Parties. It was suppressed by the authorities, and the city is now quiet.

The journals here urge the Government to use all means to strengthen the hands of Gen. DULCE in Havana, and demand that 10,000 additional troops be sent to Cuba to render the possession of the island secure.

The Government authorities received a dispatch yesterday from Dulce, the Captain-General of Cuba, asking for reinforcements. The General thinks he can suppress the insurrection there with 4,000 additional troops.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Destruction of the Prince of Wales Theatre by Fire.

GLASGOW, Thursday, Jan. 14.

The Prince of Wales Theatre in this city was totally destroyed by fire last night. No lives were lost.

LONDON, Thursday, Jan. 14.

The mammoth steamship *Great Eastern* has commenced to take on board the submarine cable of the Franco-American Atlantic Telegraph Company. It is expected that she will sail in June next to lay the cable from Brest to the American coast.

HAYTI.

More Success by the Revolutionists Reported—Their Armies Strengthened.

HAVANA, Thursday, Jan. 14.

The following news has been received from Hayti:

Gen. ALEXIS has captured Fort St. Michael, and it was reported that he had also carried Fort Liberté, near Ouanaminthe. All the positions captured by the forces of SALNAVE in the vicinity of Jacmel have been retaken by the revolutionists. Several of the latter were killed during a recent engagement by the bursting of a cannon. The revolutionary armies had been greatly strengthened, and were preparing to attack Port-au-Prince and Gonaives. President SALNAVE, at last accounts, was at Petit Riviere, near Miragoane, with all the members of his Cabinet. On account of the absence of the President from Port-au-Prince, the French Admiral had been unable to effect any arrangement with the Haytian Government.

TERRIBLE SHIPWRECK.

Loss of the Steamship Gulf City—Twenty-two Persons Drowned.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Thursday, Jan. 14.

The steamship *Gulf City*, Capt. STEWART, bound from Galveston to New-York, went aground off Point Lookout at 10 o'clock on Monday night, and in a few hours was beaten to pieces. Three of the crew, named PATRICK MCCANN, of Jersey City, ANTHONY THOMAS and HENRY MCANDRE, of New-York, were picked up by the steamer *W. P. Clyde* on Wednesday, at 9 o'clock in the afternoon, and brought to this city. There were twenty-five persons on board the ill-fated steamer, and only three are known to have been saved.

SOCIAL SCIENCE.

Annual Meeting of the Boston Social Science Association—Debate on the Price of Food.

BOSTON, Thursday, Jan. 14.

The annual meeting of the Boston Social Science Association was held in this city this evening. There was a very large attendance, great interest being manifested by the community in the question of the price of food. After the election of officers, which resulted in the choice of Hon. JOSIAH QUINCY for President, the discussion of the question was at once taken up. Hon. JOSIAH QUINCY made a powerful address, showing the causes that are at work to raise the price of food. After referring to writers on political economy to show that the price of food depended on the demand and supply, he said that statements frequently made that speculators regulated the price of corn, wheat, &c., were entirely without foundation, as the product was too great for any combination to control. The producers, not the speculators, make the prices that exist. In New-England it was the corporations which have control of the prices of transportation. He then proceeded to show upon English statistics, that the cost per mile in transporting grain, and drew conclusions as to the price that ought to rule here. He said the freight tariffs were exorbitant, and unless the people took some action they would increase to such a rate as to create a famine in New-England. To-day a few men, like FISK, JAY GOULD, SAMUEL and DREW, hold the keys of great Western granary, and we could get supplies only at their bidding. He showed now $44,000,000 in watered railroad stock had been issued by the railroad corporations, and that the consumers at the East were obliged to pay the additional tariff necessary to meet the dividends declared on this fictious stock. He quoted the action of the Massachusetts Legislature, forbidding the issue by the Boston and Albany Railroad of additional stock unless the cash therefor was actually paid in and stated that a like action by the Legislature of New-York and a few other States would effectually change the economics of life. Instead of paying a tax on shares that have not cost the holder a cent, the people should receive their grain from the West at the price ruling there, adding only the actual and necessary cost of transportation.

The speech was full of figures and facts, and called out the hearty applause of the Association. Mr. QUINCY was followed by a number of weighty well and prominent members of the Legislature, nearly every one agreeing essentially with the prominent ideas expressed by him. The question has created so much interest that it is to be resumed at a future day.

Message of Gov. Fairchild, of Wisconsin—The Senatorial Question.

CHICAGO, Thursday, Jan. 14.

Gov. FAIRCHILD'S message to the Wisconsin Legislature this morning indicates the State debt to be $2,262,067. The receipts last year were $962,276, and the disbursements $949,512. All the State institutions are in a flourishing condition.

The United States Senatorial contest is yet undecided. Carpenter's friends claim that he has forty-seven votes pledged, while only forty-four are required. WAKEFIELD's friends allow Carpenter but twenty-five votes. The other candidates expect to win by CARPENTER and WAKEFIELD destroying each other's chances. The nominating caucus will meet next Tuesday.

A negro name Grier was taken from the jail at Manchester last night at 8:30 o'clock by some forty or twenty Kellites, and carried off. Up to 3 o'clock this afternoon nothing has been heard as to his fate.

The Gaston Child Murder—Postponement of the Trial of Mrs. Stevens.

HUDSON, N. Y., Thursday, Jan. 14.

In the Court of Oyer and Terminer to-day, Judge MILLER presiding, the case of JEREMIAH BOVEE, under indictment in all necessary forms for murder of ANSON GRAVELEY, was set down for the first week of the April Term. In making the motion for a postponement, District-Attorney LOCKWOOD read a letter from MARSHALL B. CLEVELAND, Attorney-General, urging upon the Court the importance of giving to the public prosecutor an opportunity of making a further effort to procure the attendance of the foreign witnesses, and suggesting that if further time was allowed, an indictment in the Kingston case might be found against the prisoner. The defense opposed the motion, and argument in support of it was made by Mr. JOSIAH M. KEMPSHALL, D. D., who died in March last. The monument is cut from Rhode Island granite, is over eighteen feet in height, weighs over eight tons, and cost over $1,000.

Rev. FREDERICK D. HUNTINGTON, D. D., of Boston, was elected Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Central New-York, at Syracuse, on Wednesday.

Major-Gen. J. L. DONALDSON has gone West for the purpose of determining to the satisfaction of the authorities at Washington the best and cheapest route for transporting supplies to the Plains.

The prominent arrivals at the principal hotels in the City yesterday were as follows: Gov. A. G. Curtin, of Pennsylvania, was at the Albemarle Hotel. Senator William Sprague, of Rhode Island; Hon. Oakes Ames, of North Easton, and Hon. F. E. Woodbridge, of Vermont, are at the Fifth-avenue Hotel. Hons. E. Hast and L. Salve, of Rochester, are at the Hoffman House. Commander Webb, of the United States Navy, and Hon. R. C. Worthington, of White Plains, are at the Metropolitan Hotel. Hon. S. Fenlk, of Washington, is at the Astor House.

GREAT FIRE IN PHILADELPHIA.

Destruction of Three Marble Buildings—A Total Loss of Nearly $1,200,000—Narrow Escape of Inmates of the Buildings—Two Clerks Supposed to Have Perished.

From the Philadelphia Papers of last Evening.

The most destructive fire which has occurred in this city for probably ten or twelve years, last night consumed the block of marble stores at the southwest corner of Ninth and Chestnut streets. They were new structures, spacious and elegant, three in number. That at the corner was occupied by the firm of HOWELL & BROTHERS, paper-hangers; the next by James R. CALDWELL, late, jeweler; the third, by the firm of J. F. & E. B. ORNE, carpet dealers.

At 1 o'clock this morning an explosion was heard by officers in CALDWELL'S jewelry store. At the time various were the surmises as to the origin, but it had been ascertained that the boilers in the basement of the jewelry store, which are used for warming the building, and were placed there for the express purpose of avoiding the danger from fire, exploded, scattering the burning coals over the entire floor.

The store, the centre one of the three at the corner of Chestnut and Ninth streets, is, like the others, of brick, running back to Sansom-street, having a two-story front on Ninth-street, and a four-story marble front on Chestnut-street. The building was filled with the finest of jewelry, diamonds, articles of vertu and bijouterie, the stock being a very heavy one. Of this the more valuable portion, consisting of precious stones and fine gold ornaments, was in the large fire-proof safe, while in the other was $250,000 worth of jewelry was stored. Upon arriving at the scene the firemen experienced some delay in getting streams upon the flames, the iron shutters to the doors and windows barring them out. These being raised, every effort was made to save the stock. Special attention was directed to the safe of jewelry into the adjoining buildings, and before even this could be fully completed the heavy timbers and cornices, broken and burnt by the flames, fell, filling the place so densely with suffocating smoke as to prevent the men from entering.

LOSSES AND INSURANCES.

The building No. 902 (occupied by CALDWELL & CO.) was owned by WM. C. HOUSTON. Its cost, when built, $58,000. The insurance upon it, as furnished by M. D. EVANS, insurance agent, No. 431 Walnut-street, amounts to $50,000, divided as follows:

American, $10,000; Hand in Hand, $10,000; Pennsylvania Fire, $5,000; Green Tree, $5,000; Franklin, $5,000; State of Pennsylvania, $5,000; Delaware Mutual, $5,000; Fire Association, $5,000.

Messrs. CALDWELL & Co. had four large safes in their establishment. Two of these safes were in the front part of the store, and contained all the gold watches and diamonds. The safes were all found in good condition this morning. The value of the stock of the firm which was outside of the safes is estimated at $250,000.

The insurance on the stock effected by THELIMAGET BROS. Insurance Agents, No. 409 Walnut-street, are as follows: Springfield, $5,000; Yonkers of New-York, $5,000; Lumbermen's of Chicago, $5,000; People's of Worcester, $5,000; Atlantic of Providence, $5,000; Enterprise of Cincinnati, $5,000; Morris of Connecticut, $5,000; Firemen's of New-York, $5,000; Amor of New-York, $4,000; Phœnix of New-York, $5,000; Imperial of London, $5,000; Home of New-Haven, $10,000; Clinton of New-York, $10,000; Royal of London, $10,000; North British and Mercantile, $15,000; Delaware Mutual, $10,000; North America, $10,000; Reliance, $10,000; Astor, (on plumbers,) $3,000; Howard, (on pictures,) $3,000; total, $136,000.

The corner store was owned by Mr. GEO. HOWELL. It cost $82,000, and was insured for $40,000, divided as follows:

American, $3,000; Fire Association, $3,000; Delaware Mutual, $3,000; Pennsylvania, $3,000; Franklin, $3,000.

Messrs. HOWELL & BROTHERS, the occupants, had on and a very large stock of paper of all kinds. The Spring stock had only been placed in the building within a short time. Everything in the building was destroyed. The stock was valued at upward of $300,000.

Messrs. HOWELL & BROTHERS have $105,000 insurance on their stock and fixtures, which was effected by BARTON HOBB, insurance agent, in the following named companies: Pennsylvania Fire, Philadelphia, $5,000; Reliance, Philadelphia, $5,000; Spring Garden, Philadelphia, $5,000.

Liverpool and London, $10,000; Royal, $10,000; Ætna, of Hartford, $10,000; Phœnix, of Hartford, $5,000; North American, of Hartford, $5,000; Hartford, of Hartford, $5,000; Washington, of New-York, $5,000; Niagara, of New-York, $5,000; North American, of New-York, $5,000; Lorillard, of New-York, $5,000; Home, of New-York, $5,000; Manhattan, of New-York, $5,000; Springfield, of Massachusetts, $5,000; Queen, of Liverpool, $5,000; total, $105,000.

Building No. 904, owned by Mr. BENJAMIN ORNE. Its cost $60,000, and is insured for $54,000, divided among the following Companies: Yonkers, N. Y., $5,000; Hartford, $5,000; Ætna, Hartford, $7,000; Phœnix, New-York, $7,000; National, Boston, $7,000; Shoe and Leather, Boston; $7,000; North American, Boston, $7,000; Elliot, of Boston, $7,000. Total, $54,000. The building was not much injured by fire, but was greatly damaged by water.

The entire stock of Messrs. J. F. & E. B. ORNE, carpet dealers, was valued at $120,000 on the 1st inst. The entire stock was damaged by water.

The insurance upon the stock, as furnished by M. D. EVANS, insurance agent, No. 431 Walnut-street, is as follows: North America, $20,000; Franklin, $20,000; Royal, $15,000; Liverpool, London and Globe, $15,000; American of Philadelphia, $15,000; Pennsylvania, $20,000; Enterprise, $10,000; Reliance, $10,000; Delaware Mutual, $10,000; Union Mutual, $10,000; Commercial Union Company, $10,000; Ætna of Hartford, $10,000; Niagara of New-York, $10,000; Continental of New-York, $10,000; Lorillard of New-York, $10,000; Peoples' of Worcester, $10,000; Springfield, Mass., $10,000; Manufacturers' of Philadelphia, $5,000. Total, $225,000.

ORIGIN OF THE FIRE.

At about 12:30 o'clock the neighborhood was perfectly quiet, and very few people were in the street. Suddenly a loud hissing sound was heard, and in a few moments was followed by four or five slight explosions, as a result of every good action, and the explosion shook the sidewalks. The force of the explosion was so great that the rear door of HOWELL & BROTHERS was blown off, and the ceiling at the rear of the store of the Messrs. ORNE was greatly injured. The last report was followed by the crashing of glass, and the burst from the rear of the basement of CALDWELL'S building, where a Harrison boiler of ten horse power and the heating apparatus were located. As the Harrison boiler is considered the safest of all steam generators, and was, in this case, run at very low pressure, it is difficult to explain how the explosion could have proceeded from that source.

LOSSES OF INMATES AND INSURANCES.

Last night six men employed in the establishment were asleep in the store of Messrs. CALDWELL & Co. They were FREDERICK A. DAVIS, cashier; CHARLES HARRY, G. GADDEY KING, EDWARD HAGAN, salesman; JAMES ANDREWS, porter, and JAMES F. POTZ. All were on the first floor—some being front and others back. Soon after the explosions were heard and the flames broke out, four of the young men, Messrs. DAVIS, HARRY, KING and ANDREWS, made their appearance at the Ninth second story window, and called upon the Indge hand worked their way along to the front of CALDWELL'S store. They then called for help, and the Washington Hose Company put up a ladder and the men were taken down. All were more or less injured. Messrs. DAVIS and HARRY were taken to the Continental Hotel. Mr. KING was taken to the Mansion House. Mr. ANDREWS was taken to the Girard House, and after having his injuries examined by Dr. MONTGOMERY, was removed to the Pennsylvania Hospital by Fire Marshal BRANNAN and others. Both feet are burned and he has inhaled smoke. His injuries are severe, but are not considered fatal. Messrs. HARRY and DAVIS are not been heard of. They got separated from the others as they were making their way to the staircase leading to the upper part of the building. Mr. ANDREWS says that when he last saw HAGAN he had fallen down near the front door. Both men are supposed to have perished. HAGAN was from Providence, R. I., and had been in the employ of the firm between two and three years. Mr. POTZ was from Winchester, Va., and had been connected with the establishment about a year. Neither was married.

DANGER TO FIREMEN FROM FALLING.

For some time the Continental Hotel was considered in imminent danger, and at first there was considerable panic among the guests. The firemen in vessel provided with the new fire apparatus, which had recently brought into requisition, and contributed largely in saving the building. When the conflagration was at its height the flames shot high into the air across Chestnut-street, over the top of the buildings on the opposite side, but these houses being low, escaped. From Harris's building, corner of Ninth and Chestnut, a part was carried for several squares in a northerly direction. Large pieces of burning paper fell in the streets and on the roofs of houses, and in some instances continued to burn for several minutes. At one time the sparks were thrown up, and the scene was magnificent in the extreme.

SUMMARY OF LOSSES AND INSURANCES.

The following is a summary of the insurance on, and the estimated value of, the property destroyed:

THE FIREMEN.

Were upon the ground in large numbers soon after the alarm was given. All attention was directed to CALDWELL'S store, and it was thought that the fire

EUROPEAN NEWS BY MAIL.

ARRIVAL OF THE VILLE DE PARIS AND CITY OF NEW-YORK.

The steamships *Ville de Paris*, from Havre Dec. 31 and Brest Jan. 2, and the *City of New-York*, with Liverpool dates to Dec. 30, and Queenstown dates to Dec. 31, reached this port yesterday. Capt. SIMPSON, of the first-named vessel, will accept obituaries for late Paris papers.

The London *Star*, of Dec. 30, says: "After the business proper of the deputation from the Mutual Land, Emigration and Colonization Company to the American Minister, a day or two since, had been concluded, a question was asked his Excellency respecting the naturalization of British subjects in America, the answer to which has not been reported in any of the papers. It is important at this time, as bearing upon the naturalization question. Mr. REVERDY JOHNSON, in reply to the question, said: "You will have no difficulty whatever, if you do become citizens of America, and return to your own country, on being called upon to do any act here, on the ground that you owe any allegiance to the Government of England. The treaty entered into between the two Governments, and sure to be ratified by the Senate, provides that whoever is naturalized in the United States, who was formerly a native of Great Britain, will be, when he comes to the United Kingdom, entitled to all the rights of a native-born American citizen. Whenever you return here you will be clothed with the protection of American much as if you had been born in America. We consider you in point of law a citizen born with us, entitled to all our rights, and that we are under obligations to protect you the same as we would those born on our soil."

SPAIN.

Henri de Bourbon in Favor of a Republican Form of Government.

The following letter from the Infante Don HENRI of Bourbon, (brother-in-law of Queen ISABELLA of Spain, and brother of the King,) is addressed to the Provisional Government of Madrid:

GENTLEMEN: When I observe the feverish ambition which devours the Duke of Montpensier; when I witness the explosion of pretensions hatched for many years so take possession of the monarchical power in Spain—in Spain, free and independent, to which he returned without honor as a fugitive when his father, LOUIS PHILIPPE, fell from the throne by that providential justice which marks abasishement on the brow of certain Kings; when everybody knows that he has no title and no right to our country, so jealous of its dignity, more than the humiliation which all civilized people accord to those who take refuge in it when driven from their own; when I examine this stranger, a Prince without energy or elevation of character, and so full of vanity and haughtiness that he thinks everything due to him, and that no one in the world should refuse him the distinguished honor of becoming his courtier; when his cupidity accepts with one hand the gifts and favors of ISABELLA II., and when, ungrateful and traitorous, he strives with the other to usurp the place of his benefactors who repaid full confidence in him; when I see him coolly speculating at a distance on the bloody and field of Alcolea, ready to rush, without, however, exposing himself to danger, on the spoils of ISABELLA, like the bird of prey on a dead body; when I run him as Lisbon watching for the favorable occasion of taking possession of Spain, and impudently counting the moments, and, after those moments calculated by him, settling with miserable significance the accounts of his cook; when I see him, in so impertinent and comical a fashion desiring to meddle in the recent struggle which has left the noble and liberal City of Cadiz in mourning; and when, to crown this document commissary, I hear Spaniards, unworthy to bear that honorable title, proclaim the ridiculous and anti-national name of this stranger, forced upon us as if it were the name of a hero, and when they thus trample underfoot the ashes of the martyrs of Carral—the ashes of the illustrious members of the Spanish army shot by the treachery of the Madrid Government, delivered over to LOUIS PHILIPPE—when I behold all this I cannot help asking what is the talisman, and what are the privileges of this Prince-Jay?

I, who count more than twenty-two years of suffering and political persecution, of whom LOUIS PHILIPPE was the instigator—I, who, without being guilty, am banished from my country and from my home—feel indignant as a Spaniard, but as belonging to the Liberal Party, at the unjust and unpatriotic privileges accorded to MONTPENSIER.

In the name of justice, I, who have never desired the place coveted by the intriguer of whom I speak—I, who would consider myself debased if I bore the title of Pretender, for my aspirations are those of the honest citizen who knows the high value of self-denial—I, who place the glory of WASHINGTON far higher than that of CÆSAR—I address myself to the Provisional Government of the nation to be allowed to return to my country, and to humbly convey, as I ever had the habit of doing, my rented apartments in Madrid which contains the little I possess.

The remains of my parents, those of one of my children and of my wife, are in Spain; and those relations, so dear to me, all live in that land. I do not like MONTPENSIER, nor do I like a Crown—MONTPENSIER, who, in the possession of his many millions, might live contented and silent. All I ask for is the sunlight of my beloved native land—that air of country, or home, which every citizen who is free from crime has a right to enjoy.

As the same I demand from the equity of the Provisional Government another thing which is equally just,—to be reinstated in the naval service to which I belong. The Duke of MONTPENSIER being recognized as Field Marshal of the Spanish Army, the representatives of the party to which I have so much suffered, cannot have had the spectacle my account to me, of which I was deprived by the vengeance and tyranny of the Narvaez Ministry. For a demand so reasonable I appeal to the friendly relations subsisting between me and Gen. PRIM at the time when he, like me, was exiled.

Receive, gentlemen, the assurance of the esteem which is the result of every good action, and the assurance of my gratitude for the favorable opinion I have merited from you.

HENRI DE BOURBON.

PARIS, Dec. 31.

Prince HENRY was Vice-Admiral in the Spanish fleet more than twenty years ago.

PERSONAL AND LITERARY.

Hon. Mr. JOHNSON is to deliver an address before the Social Science Association, in the small chapel of the University, on Saturday evening, in explanation and advocacy of the Civil Service bill. He does this, we believe, at the invitation of a number of our most intelligent and influential citizens.

Dr. KNAPP, lately of Heidelberg, an Oculist of a good deal of celebrity, especially in Germany, has come to this City, and intends to establish himself in practice here.

FIELDS, OSGOOD & Co. will publish next Spring Mr. BYLES's translation of Homer, specimens of which have already appeared in the *Atlantic* and the *Galaxy*.

GEORGE ROUTLEDGE & SONS will shortly publish a new work by the Duke of ARGYLL, author of the *Reign of Law*. It will be entitled *Primitive Man*, an Examination of Recent Speculations.

A new serial story, by CHARLES READE, will be commenced in the March number of the *Galaxy*.

JAMES HARVEY LAGALLE, of Illinois, late a volunteer Lieutenant in the United States Navy, calls on all officers who served in the Western Flotilla, Mississippi Squadron, during the war, to assemble at Cairo, on the 20th of February, to form a society similar to those of the Armies of the Tennessee, the Cumberland, Ohio and Georgia.

Prof. P. C. SUMNER and P. G. HERVEREN will soon commence, in this City, the publication of a work entitled *Phonetics and its Works*. It will contain 300 copper-plate engravings from the original plates executed at Copenhagen, with explanatory text. The work will be issued in twenty numbers.

The Elm-place, Brooklyn, Congregational Church has extended a unanimous call to Rev. HENRY SOWERS, of Danbury, Conn., to become its pastor, in place of Rev. W. A. BARTLETT, removed to Chicago.

HORACE HARRISON died in Westfield, Mass., on Wednesday night of heart disease. He was a prominent citizen, and the founder of the public library in that place.

Rev. PATRICK J. HARRIGAN, a Catholic priest in Holyoke, Mass., has been arrested for assault and battery on one of his parishioners, and will be tried on Monday.

The congregation of the Second Congregational church of Greenwich, Conn., have just erected a handsome monument to the memory of their late pastor, Rev. JOHN PIERPONT, D. D., who died in March last. The monument is cut from Rhode Island granite, is over eighteen feet in height, weighs over eight tons, and cost over $1,000.

Rev. FREDERICK D. HUNTINGTON, D. D., of Boston, was elected Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Central New-York, at Syracuse, on Wednesday.

Major-Gen. J. L. DONALDSON has gone West for the purpose of determining to the satisfaction of the authorities at Washington the best and cheapest route for transporting supplies to the Plains.

The prominent arrivals at the principal hotels in the City yesterday were as follows: Gov. A. G. Curtin, of Pennsylvania, was at the Albemarle Hotel. Senator William Sprague, of Rhode Island; Hon. Oakes Ames, of North Easton, and Hon. F. E. Woodbridge, of Vermont, are at the Fifth-avenue Hotel. Hons. E. Hast and L. Salve, of Rochester, are at the Hoffman House. Commander Webb, of the United States Navy, and Hon. R. C. Worthington, of White Plains, are at the Metropolitan Hotel. Hon. S. Fenlk, of Washington, is at the Astor House.

MISCELLANEOUS.

ATTENTION, NEWSDEALERS!

HEARTH AND HOME, NO. 3,

READY SATURDAY, JAN. 16,

will begin a powerful story, written expressly for it by Mrs. Roberts Hearing Davis, author of LIFE IN SALT ROCK MILL, entitled

THE TEMBROKE LEGACY.

This story will be immediately illustrated by Hoppner, and will run through several numbers. It is a number of unusual richness in variety and illustrations. See tables of contents in to-morrow's dailies.

THERE IS NOT AS STUPID AS ANIMAL

Too cards as man. To awaken him to a realization of truth is a hopeless task; until it must be done, his energy and ambition. That do not remove the cause of the body, which is the home of the soul. The sick memory of the mind, which is the home of the soul. If there are obstructions in the bowels, the whole body is thrown off the track of good health and long life. Its machinery will work well if not watched carefully, and all will be well if not watched. The health of every man, woman and child is dependent upon the organs are resolving and growing in the system. Health are under such circumstances. Cash every man, Man, woman and child, Do you then wonder at the terrible diseases and sudden death?

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LUBRICATE RIGHT AND MORNING.

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Every man, woman and child.

Every man, woman and child.

People in health, and those who are sick.

People in health, and those who are sick.

are crying for want of

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It opens the dull sense and stands in the head.
It opens the dull sense and stands in the head.
It prevents dullness and pains in the head.
It prevents dullness and pains in the head.
It opens and keeps open the nasal membrane.
It opens and keeps open the nasal membrane.
It removes phlegm from throat and chest.
It removes phlegm from throat and chest.
It gives large sparkling eyes.
It gives large sparkling eyes.
It gives a clear, smooth complexion.
It gives a clear, smooth complexion.
It lifts sunken eyes.
It lifts sunken eyes.
It lifts sunken eyes.
It lifts sunken eyes.
It removes the frontal area.
It removes the frontal area.
It strengthens weak eyes.
It strengthens weak eyes.
It removes the frontal area.
It removes the frontal area.
It removes the frontal area.
It removes the frontal area.
It removes all inflammation.
It removes all inflammation.
It removes all inflammation.
It removes all inflammation.
It does wonders.
It does wonders.
Let everybody—well and sick, rich and poor,
Let everybody—well and sick, rich and poor,
Use as long as one sickness and pain.
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TURNER BROTHERS, Bankers,
No. 14 Nassau-st.

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The Company will sell about 150 First Mortgage Bonds during each of the months of January, February and March, which will place the entire issue. Price for January, 85 and accrued interest. The premium is, that for February the rate will be advanced 2½ per cent. H. G. MARQUAND, Vice-President,
No. 52 Wall-st.

INDIANA WAR LOAN BONDS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to holders of Indiana War Loan Bonds, that the Agent of the State is ready to pay the same, as provided by law, on the 1st day of May next, at his office, No. 27 Pine-st., New-York City. Holders of Coupon Bonds desiring to make payment are required to notify the Agent of State on or before the 20th day of March.

E. D. MORGAN, Ex-Gov. of State,
NATHAN KIMBALL, Treas. of State,
W. C. GRESHAM, Agent of State,
Ex-officio State Debt Sinking Fund Commissioners.
RICHARD ROBERTS, Clerk.

MERCHANTS' AND MECHANICS' NATIONAL BANK OF TROY.—Notice is hereby given that a vote of the shareholders owning two-thirds of the stock of this Association to wind up the affairs of said Association has been obtained, and that this Association is closing up its affairs accordingly.

And the holders of the notes of this Association and other creditors thereof are hereby notified to present and surrender the same at the office of said Association for payment at the banking-house of said Association in the City of Troy.

Dated 1 mo 9, 1869.

By order of the Board of Directors.
PER. SIMS, Cashier.

This Bank has reorganized as a State Institution and will continue business as usual, under the name of the Merchants' and Mechanics' Bank of Troy.

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THE CORN EXCHANGE INSURANCE COMPANY,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 12, 1869.

AT THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Company, held on Monday, the 11th day of January, the following gentlemen were duly elected Directors for the current year:

ELI ADAMS,	SIDNEY SHEPHERD,
A. T. BLACKMAR,	B. J. LOWERY,
WM. SCARCHARD,	C. H. LUDINGTON,
SIDNEY BOWERMAN,	FRED. LAY,
J. W. HUSTED,	C. WM. MILLER,
C. W. BROWN,	A. C. COKEBAUGHES,
HENRY BRUNNER,	C. PARISH,
JAS. STEPHENSON,	W. H. FOND,
T. C. E. BUCKLEY,	J. W. POTTER,
GEO. H. DOUGLASS,	R. H. PHILLIPS,
DAVID DUNCAN,	C. W. WEEDOLPH,
HENRY FINCK,	J. ROBERTSON,
JOSIAH M. FIKES,	J. SEEWOOD,
JOHN FOSTER,	WM. G. SMITH,
JOHN W. HALE,	THOMAS L. STURGES,
C. J. HARRIS,	FRANCIS TOMES, Jr.,
R. B. HARRISON,	E. D. WALBRIDGE,
A. HAYWARD,	H. G. WHITEHEAD,
J. H. HERRICK,	ROBERT H. WILLETS,
G. E. HICKOX,	PAUL WORTH,
GEORGE L. LEAL,	JNO. M. WHITE.

And at a meeting of the Board, held on Tuesday, the 12th inst., Mr. A. J. OWEN was elected President, and Mr. E. S. BROWN, Vice-President.

GEO. W. MOFFATT, Secretary.

NEW-YORK FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 92 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 11, 1869.

AT AN ELECTION HELD MONDAY, January 11, the following gentlemen were elected Directors of this Company for the ensuing year:

NICHOLAS C. MILLER,	FREDERICK LEAD,
LEVI AGGAR,	CHAS. S. APPLEGATE,
J. R. MARTIN,	M. S. THOMPSON,
GEO. W. LAWRANCE,	B. COMSTOCK, Jr.
G. W. RANDOLPH,	CHRISTIAN WHITE,
JOHN E. PIERREPONT,	ERASTUS L. TEFFT,
MASON JONES,	ALLAN HAY,
EDGAR PINCHOT,	GEO. W. LORD,
JOHN B. HOLDANE,	JAMES LANAGAN,
CHAS. M. BROOKS,	JAMES WALSH,
JOHN B. MONAGAN,	THOS. M. WHEELER,
R. L. CHAMBERLAIN,	JOHN L. HAYES,
CHARLES SCHAF,	ADOLPH BERNHARDT,
ALEX. SONNELL,	CHAS. E. RICHARD,
	JOHN MCLEAN,
	JAMES M. REQUA.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board held this day, NICHOLAS C. MILLER was unanimously re-elected President.

M. S. BRADLEY, Secretary.

NATIONAL SHOE AND LEATHER BANK,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 12, 1869.

AT THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF stockholders of THE NATIONAL SHOE AND LEATHER BANK, held this day, the following-named gentlemen were elected Directors for the ensuing year:

A. V. STOUT,	SAM'L HOLMES,
A. J. SHERMAN,	C. C. MIDDLTON,
ROBT. ROSCOE,	JOHN CROCKERTON,
J. B. DICKINSON,	WM. BULTSBACHER,
MATTHEW BIRD,	SAM'L M. BASS,
W. H. MORRIS,	J. H. BUTTON,
JAS. L. STEWART,	CHARLES SPEAR.

CHAS. E. BAYLIS,

And at a meeting of the Directors, held subsequently, A. V. STOUT was re-elected President and E. T. FOSTER Vice-President, both unanimously.

A. M. CRANE, Cashier.

NATIONAL BROADWAY BANK,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 12, 1869.

AT THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank, held on the 12th inst., the following-named gentlemen were duly elected for the ensuing year:

FRANCIS A. PALMER,	CHAS. BURKHALTER,
JOHN B. HAWLEY,	JOSEPH RUDD,
JAMES WEBB,	W. A. WALL,
FRANCIS C. SCHOLLA,	WM. ALLAIRE,
GEO. T. WALL,	JAMES HAGUERTY,
JOHN F. LAWRENCE,	WALTER HARRIOTT,
GEO. C. FLEMING,	JOHN ALLEN,
FRANCIS P. FURNALD,	JOHN M. COMSTOCK,
	ANDREW J. MILLER,
	JAMES M. BEEBE,

and SAMUEL C. HARRIOTT, RUDOLPH BOAGLAND, and JOHN W. MAPLEY were elected Inspectors of the next election.

At a meeting of the Board subsequently held, F. A. PALMER, Esq., was unanimously re-elected President, and CHARLES BURKHALTER, Esq., Vice-President.

J. L. EVERITT, Cashier.

HUDSON RIVER RAILROAD COMPANY,
TREASURER'S OFFICE, No. 20 NASSAU-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 11, 1869.

INTEREST DUE FEB. 1, ON FIRST Mortgage Bonds of this Company will be paid at this office, on and after that day, on the 10th instant, Feb. 2. All bonds due Feb. 1 will be paid on presentation at this office, and interest will cease after maturity.

O. H. CLARKE, Treasurer.

SHELDEN AND COLUMBIAN COPPER MINING COMPANY.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Transfer Books of the above Company will be closed on the 20th day of January, inst., at 3 o'clock P. M., and will be opened on the 1st day of February, inst., at 10 o'clock A. M. By order of the Board of Directors.

E. J. EDWARDS, Secretary.

BROADWAY, BACHAMANTA, AND WHITEHALL R. R. CO.
SECRETARY'S OFFICE, No. 20 NASSAU-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 11, 1869.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS OF THIS Company will be closed from this date until the 20th day of January, inst., at 3 P. M., by order of the Board of Directors.

A. J. ODELL, Secretary.

BROADWAY INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 195 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, January 11, 1869.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Company will be held at their office on TUESDAY, 19th day of January next, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 1 P. M.

JOHN WRAY, Secretary.

FINANCIAL.

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NEW-YORK, Jan. 14, 1869—3 P. M.

	Gov.	Bid.		Gov.	Bid.
Registered, 1881	111	111½	6-20 Coupon, '67	108½	108¾
Coupon, 1881	111¾	112¼	6-20 Coupon, '68	108½	108
5-20 Regis. 1862	112¾	108¾	10-40 Registered	104¾	104¾
5-20 Coupon, '62	112¾	112¾	10-40 Coupon	105	105
5-20 Coupon, '64	112¾	112¾	Gold	132¾	132¾
5-20 Coupon, '65	112¾	112¾	U. S. Cur. Fund	131¾	131¾
5-20 Coupon, '66	112¾	112¾			
Jan. and July					

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Bankers, No. 12 Wall-st.

NEW-YORK AND AUSTIN SILVER MINING COMPANY, incorporated Aug. 4, 1868, do hereby report and state that the amount of the capital stock of said Company is $500,000; that the total amount of said capital has been paid in, and that the existing debts of said Company do not exceed the sum of $10,000; that the amount of said capital has been paid in in cash, but that the Trustees of said Company have purchased mines and other property necessary for their business, and in payment for the same have issued stock to the whole amount of said capital.

Dated NEW-YORK, Jan. 14, 1869.

CHAS. BURRALL HOFFMAN, President.

CHAS. BURRALL HOFFMAN,
GEO. GREEN,
J. H. BREWER,
H. A. REMSEN,
E. R. SECOMBE,
} Trustees.

State of New-York, City and County of New-York, ss.—E. R. SECOMBE, Secretary of the New-York and Austin Silver Mining Company, being duly sworn, says that he is the Secretary of the Company above named, and that the foregoing report, signed by Chas. Burrall Hoffman, President, and by a majority of the Trustees of the New-York and Austin Silver Mining Company, is true.

E. R. SECOMBE, Secretary.

Sworn to before me this 14th day of January, 1869.

CHARLES P. KIRKLAND, Jr.,
Notary Public in and for said City and County.

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE DELAWARE LEAD COMPANY, of the State of New-York.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 14, 1869.

Amount of capital stock, all of which was issued for the purchase of property $500,000 00
The existing liabilities are 200 04
Assets: Property and a majority of the Trustees, this 9th day of January, 1869.

(Signed) SAMUEL T. KNAPP, President.

JOHN COWDERY,
GORDELL BURR,
EDWARD J. KNAPP,
} Trustees.

State of New-York, County of Orange.—JOHN COWDERY, of Warwick, in the County of Orange, being duly sworn, doth depose and say that he is the Secretary of the Delaware Lead Mining Company, of the State of New-York, and that the above statement is in all respects true.

(Signed) JOHN COWDERY, Secretary.

Sworn before me this 12th day of January, 1869.

MARION COCHRE, Notary Public.

(United States Revenue stamp.)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STAFFORD PAVEMENT COMPANY, pursuant to section 12 of the act of Feb. 12, 1868, entitled "An act to authorize the formation of corporations for manufacturing, mining, mechanical or chemical purposes," and section 2 of the act amending the same, passed June 7, 1868:

Capital Stock, 10,000 shares, of the nominal par value of $100 each $1,000,000
of which no part has actually been paid in. All of the shares issued are held by the Trustees in payment for property purchased by them, necessary for the business of the Company.
Amount of existing debts $15,420 00
(L. S.) H. O. LESTER, Secretary.
C. R. WELLS,
W. P. CONVERSE,
JAMES M. BILES,
C. W. STAFFORD,
} Trustees.

DATED JAN. 12, 1869.

State of New-York, City and County of New-York, ss.—H. O. LESTER being duly sworn, saith that he is the Secretary of the Stafford Pavement Company, above named, and that the foregoing report is in all respects true.

Sworn to before me this 14th day of January, 1869.

CHARLES P. KIRKLAND, Jr.,
Notary Public, New-York County.

THE CHATHAM NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 11, 1869.

AT AN ELECTION HELD ON TUESDAY, 12th inst., the following-named gentlemen were elected Directors of this Bank for the ensuing year, viz.:

WILLIAM L. COBBLER,	JOHN H. SHERWOOD,
GEORGE C. COLLINS,	THOMAS WOODWARD,
JOSEPH M. COOPER,	SAMUEL S. PLATT,
THOMAS H. FARRER,	ELIAS M. SCHOLES,
JOHN B. DUNHAM,	CHARLES HAUSELL,
HENRY W. MERRIAM,	ALFRED L. ROWE.
CHARLES H. MARSHALL,	

And at a meeting of the Board held the day, NATHANIEL HAYDEN and JOSEPH M. COOPER were severally unanimously re-elected President and Vice-President.

CHAS. SCHERMERHORN, Cashier.

OFFICE OF THE CONSOLIDATION COAL COMPANY
OF MARYLAND, No. 52 BROADWAY,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 8, 1869.

THE REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING of the Stockholders of this Company, for the election of a President and Directors, will be held in this office on WEDNESDAY, the 20th inst., at 12 o'clock, when the polls will be closed at 1 o'clock.

A special meeting of stockholders will be held at 1 o'clock, same place, for the consideration of such business as may be presented.

The Transfer Books will be closed from the 15th inst. until after the election.

JAMES S. MACKIE,
Vice-President.

THE CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK,
OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 12, 1869.

AT THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank held this day, the following named persons were unanimously elected Directors for the ensuing year:

WM. A. WHEELOCK,	HENRY A. SMYTHE,
FRANCIS SKIDDY,	PERCY R. COGGILL,
HIRAM WALTON,	JOHN A. LANDON,
SIMON BERNHEIMER,	NATHAN D. BALDWIN,
	ROBERT H. BERDELL.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board, WILLIAM A. WHEELOCK was unanimously re-elected President, and FRANCIS SKIDDY, Vice-President, for the ensuing year.

W. H. SANFORD, Cashier.

THE NATIONAL MECHANICS' BANKING ASSOCIATION OF NEW-YORK,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 12, 1869.

AT AN ELECTION HELD ON THE 11TH inst., the following-named gentlemen were duly elected Directors of this Bank for the ensuing year:

MASON THOMSON,	EDWARD A. QUACKENBUSH,
JOHN V. S. SAXWELL,	ADON SMITH, Jr.,
JOHN FANDALL,	DAVID TURNURE,
GEO. T. HAYS,	HENRY C. DERMAN,
NATH. W. CHATES,	

At a subsequent meeting of the Board, MASON THOMSON, Esq., was unanimously re-elected President.

W. CHANDLER, Cashier.

MECHANICS' EXCHANGE NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, Jan. 12, 1869.

AT AN ELECTION HELD ON THE 12TH inst., the following-named gentlemen were elected Directors of this Bank for the ensuing year:

SAMUEL S. SPROULS,	HERMANN STURSBERG,
SAMUEL CHEGARAY,	HERMAN DUNCAN,
WILLIAM A. THOMSON,	BENJAMIN C. ROBERT,
DUDLEY S. GREGORY,	PHILIP TELLINGHAST,
JESSE HOYT,	JOHN G. DAVIS,
JOHN M. DAVIES,	ROBERT SEAMAN.

HENRY COCHRAN, Cashier.

At a meeting of the Board, held this day, SAMUEL S. SPROULS, Esq., was unanimously re-elected President.

E. C. CASLEY, Cashier.

NATIONAL BUTCHERS' AND DROVERS' BANK,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 11, 1869.

AT AN ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank, the following-named gentlemen were unanimously elected for the ensuing year, viz.:

JOHN W. MERSEREAU,	JOSEPH BRITTON,
STEPHEN BYAM,	HENRY A. COLEMAN,
DENTON FARRAGUT,	JOHN S. GARROW,
JEO. C. CHAMBERLAIN,	JAMES M. HOYT,
JAMES H. COBB,	ROBERT P. SHERIFF,
	GEORGE W. QUINTARD.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board, ROBERT P. SHERIFF was unanimously re-elected President.

C. C. ALLIOTH ROOS, Cashier.

OFFICE OF THE EAGLE FIRE COMPANY,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 12, 1869.

AT AN ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of the Company, held on the 11th inst., the following-named gentlemen were elected:

JAMES N. COOBE,	PHILIP M. LYDIG,
JOHN Q. JONES,	EMILE INGOLDSBY,
WM. R. ASTWALL,	DANIEL S. FEARING,
ROBERT RAY,	JOHN B. SARPONE,
R. LEROY KENNEDY,	GEORGE A. JONES,
BAYFORD COBB,	WILLIAM H. GUION,
	JAMES A. ROOSEVELT.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board Bayford Cobb was unanimously re-elected President.

A. J. CLINTON, Secretary.

LOUISIANA STATE BONDS AND COUPONS, South Carolina State Bonds and Coupons, Memphis City Bonds and Coupons, Mobile and Ohio Bonds, Mississippi Central Railroad Bonds and Coupons, Shelby County Coupons, Memphis City Stock, Interest on Memphis and Charleston Railroad, bought at highest market prices by

LEVY & SONS, No. 11 Pine-st.

THE BOWERY NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 12, 1869.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held at the Banking-house, No. 4 Bowery, corner of Canal-st., on TUESDAY, Jan. 19, between the hours of 10 and 1 o'clock P. M.

E. BARLLINGTON, Cashier.

UNION TRUST COMPANY OF NEW-YORK,
No. 30 BROADWAY, CORNER OF BROAD-ST.

AN ELECTION FOR FIVE TRUSTEES of this Union Trust Company, of Broadway, will be held at the office of the Company, No. 30 Broadway, on TUESDAY, the 19th inst., between the hours of 10 AM. and 1 P. M. C. C. GARRISON, Cashier.

OFFICE OF THE GARDNER MANUFACTURING CO.,
No. 16 BOWERY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 12, 1869.

AN ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKholders of the Gardner Manufacturing Company will be held at their office, No. 16 Bowery, New-York, on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 20, 1869, at 3 P. M., at which time nine trustees will be chosen to serve for the ensuing year.

JOHN BOWMAN, Secretary.

DIVIDENDS.

PEOPLE'S FIRE INSURANCE CO.,
No. 20 Cedar-st.

Cash Capital	$150,000
Surplus	81,000

NEW-YORK, Jan. 4, 1869.

The Board of Directors have this day declared a Semi-Annual Dividend of SIX PER CENT., free of Government tax, payable on demand.

FRED. V. PRICE, Secretary.

WILLIAMSBURGH CITY FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
CAPITAL $300,000
SURPLUS $200,000

The Board of Directors have this day declared a Dividend of FIVE PER CENT., payable on demand.

E. GIROUX, Secretary.

BROOKLYN, Jan. 8, 1869.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

PHILADELPHIA AND READING RAILROAD CO.,
OFFICE NO. 227 SOUTH 4TH-ST.,
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 30, 1868.

The transfer books of this Company will be closed on the 8th of January next, and be reopened on TUESDAY, Jan. 12.

A dividend of Five per Cent. has been declared on the preferred and common stock class of Mineral and other lands, payable in cash, on and after Jan. 20, 1869, to the holders thereof, as they shall stand registered on the books of the Company on the 8th of January next.

All orders for dividends must be witnessed and stamped.

E. BRADFORD, Treasurer.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE CENTRAL COAL MINING AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY, No. 10 BROADWAY,
ROOM NO. 1, NEW-YORK, Dec. 28, 1868.

The Directors of this Company have this day declared a Half-yearly Dividend of FOUR PER CENT. (Four Dollars per Share) on the capital stock of the Company, payable on the 20th day of January, 1869, at the office of the Company, No. 10 Broadway, on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 20, inst., at the Company's office, as above.

The transfer books will be closed from Jan. 9 until Jan. 21.

By order of the Board.

E. P. WHITE, Secretary and Treasurer.

TWENTY-THIRD DIVIDEND.

OFFICE OF RELIEF FIRE INSURANCE CO.,
No. 162 Broadway, Northwest corner Liberty-st.

The Trustees have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of five per cent., free of Government tax, payable to the stockholders on and after

JAN. 14, 1869.

J. T. OBRY, Secretary.

TWENTY-FOURTH DIVIDEND.

OFFICE OF THE EXCELSIOR FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 102 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 12, 1869.

A semi-annual Dividend of Five per Cent., free of Government tax, is payable on demand.

A. S. WALTON, Secretary.

THE TRUSTEES OF THE MERCHANTS' FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY HAVE THIS DAY declared a dividend, under the provisions of the by-laws, for the last six months ending 31st December, as follows:

At the rate of Five per cent. per annum on all sums of five and under five hundred dollars, and of four per cent. on all sums amounting to five hundred dollars and upward.

Also, an extra dividend, being in addition and precisely equal in amount to the said half-yearly interest or dividend, and calculated on the same principle.

The interest on the scrip issued for the earnings of previous years, as principal on the last test, where it stands unpaid as a deposit, is now entered on the pass-books at any time when required on and after the third Monday, being the 18th day of January.

ROBERT LENOX KENNEDY, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE PHENIX INSURANCE COMPANY,
NOS. 214 AND 216 COURT-ST., BROOKLYN, Jan. 12, 1869.

A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF FIVE (5) PER CENT. has been declared, free from Government tax, and payable on demand, at their office in New-York.

NOTICE.—This Company have removed their office in New-York to No. 172 Broadway, corner Cortlandt-st., and offer to the public an augmented cash capital of ONE MILLION DOLLARS, added to which is a surplus of $300,000 in cash, invested in the best class of risks, viz.: Fire, Marine, and Inland navigation and transportation, on as favorable rates as is consistent with safety and mutual protection.

PHILANDER SHAW, Secretary.

PITTSBURG, FORT WAYNE AND CHICAGO RAILWAY COMPANY, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
PITTSBURG, Jan. 12, 1869.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THIS Company have declared the regular quarterly dividend (No. 30) of 2½ per cent., free of Government tax, on the capital stock for the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1868, payable on demand, free of Government tax, or interest tax, on the third mortgage bonds, payable on and after Monday, the 18th day of January, 1869, at the office of the Company, No. 20 NASSAU-ST., N. Y.

The transfer books will be closed on SATURDAY, Jan. 9, at 3 P. M., and reopened on TUESDAY, the 20th of January, 1869, at 10 A. M.

F. M. HUTCHINSON, Secretary.

CLEVELAND, COLUMBUS, CINCINNATI AND INDIANAPOLIS RAILWAY COMPANY,
CLEVELAND, OHIO, Jan. 12, 1869.

A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF THREE and a Half per Cent. has been declared by this Company, payable Feb. 1, 1869, free of Government tax. Stockholders can have the same invested in Pittsburgh Bonds, if they so direct, at the office of the "United States Trust Company of New-York," No. 52 Wall-st.

The transfer books will be closed from the evening of Jan. 15 until the morning of Feb. 1.

By order of the Board of Directors.

GEO. S. RUSSELL, Treasurer.

CLINTON FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
OFFICE NO. 128 BROADWAY,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 12, 1869.

THIRTY-FOURTH DIVIDEND.—THE Board of Directors of this Company have declared a semi-annual Dividend of Six (6) per cent., free of Government tax, payable on demand.

WASHINGTON POST, Jr., Acting Secretary.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1869.

TONNELE AND NEW-YORK FIRE INSURANCE CO.,
No. 161 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1869.

EIGHTH DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS have this day declared a semi-annual Dividend of FIVE (5) PER CENT., free from Government tax, payable on demand.

JOHN W. MURRAY, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE SPRING MOUNTAIN COAL CO.,
ROOMS NOS. 1 AND 2 NO. 30 BROADWAY,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 12, 1869.

DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS have this day declared a cash dividend of Five (5) per cent., payable on and after Jan. 20, 1869, at the office of the Company. The transfer books will be closed from the 20th to the 30th inst., inclusive.

CHAS. RUNTON, Secretary and Treasurer.

KNICKERBOCKER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY
OF NEW-YORK, OFFICE NO. 64 WALL-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 4, 1869.

AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF Directors held this day, a semi-annual dividend of FIVE PER CENT. free of Government tax, was declared payable on and after Jan. 11, 1869.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS WILL BE CLOSED from this date until Jan. 11, 1869.

JOSEPH E. LEE, Secretary.

METROPOLITAN NATIONAL BANK,
NO. 10 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 12, 1869.

THE DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN NATIONAL BANK have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of SIX (6) PER CENT., free of all tax, payable on the first MONDAY of January.

Transfer Books will remain closed until Jan. 16.

GEO. I. SENEY, Cashier.

TWENTY-SIXTH DIVIDEND.—THE Board of Directors of the MERCANTILE FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of Five per Cent. free of Government tax, payable on and after Monday, the 4th inst., at their office, No. 186 Broadway.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1869.

WM. A. ANDERSON, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE GARDNER MANUFACTURING CO.,
No. 16 BOWERY, NEW-YORK,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 12, 1869.

AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF Trustees, held at the office of the Company this day, a Dividend of Two Dollars ($2) per share was declared, payable to the stockholders on and after 15th inst.

Transfer books will be closed from 15th to 20th inst.

JOHN BOWMAN, Secretary.

OFFICE MECHANICS' AND TRADERS' FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 45 WALL-ST.,
(BANK OF NEW-YORK BUILDING),
NEW-YORK, Jan. 12, 1869.

A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF SEVEN (7) per cent., free from Government tax, has this day been declared, payable on demand.

J. TOMPKINS, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE ARCTIC FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW-YORK,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 12, 1869.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE THIS DAY declared a semi-annual dividend of Five per cent., free of Government tax, payable to the stockholders or their legal representatives on demand.

CHARLES SAMUDSON, Secretary.

PACIFIC FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
OFFICE NO. 40 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 11, 1869.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE THIS DAY declared a dividend of Eight (8) per Cent. free of Government tax, payable on the 15th inst.

T. F. JEREMIAH, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE AMERICAN EXCHANGE FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 12, 1869.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE THIS DAY declared a semi-annual Dividend of Five (5) per Cent. free of Government tax, payable on demand.

WM. RAYMOND, Secretary.

STANDARD FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
OFFICE NO. 117 BROADWAY,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 11, 1869.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE THIS DAY declared the usual SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND of Five per Cent. free of Government tax, payable on demand.

WILLIAM M. ST. JOHN, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE HUMBOLDT FIRE INSURANCE CO.,
No. 160 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 12, 1869.

AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF Directors of this Company, held this day, a semi-annual Dividend of Five per cent., free of Government tax, was declared, payable on demand.

A. WILEY, Jr., Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE IMPORTERS AND TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 102 BROADWAY,
NEW-YORK, JAN. 12, 1869.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE THIS day declared a semi-annual Dividend of FIVE PER CENT., free from Government tax, payable on demand.

DANIEL A. SMITH, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE LORILLARD FIRE INSURANCE CO.,
No. 140 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 12, 1869.

THE DIRECTORS OF THIS COMPANY have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of FIVE PER CENT., payable on demand.

JOHN G. MILLS, Secretary.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 14, 1869.

OFFICE EQUITABLE FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 120 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 12, 1869.

THIRTY-FOURTH DIVIDEND.—THE DIRECTORS have this day declared a dividend of five per cent., free of Government tax, payable on demand.

WM. A. BURRIS, Jr., Secretary.

HOME INSURANCE COMPANY, OFFICE NO. 135 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 12, 1869.

THE DIRECTORS OF THIS COMPANY have this day declared a Dividend of Five per Cent. free of Government tax, payable on demand.

J. H. WASHBURN, Secretary.

OFFICE OF SECURITY FIRE INSURANCE CO.,
No. 128 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, JAN. 11, 1869.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE THIS day declared a semi-annual Dividend of Five per cent., free of Government tax, payable on demand.

SAMUEL M. CRAFT, Secretary.

THE CONTINENTAL INSURANCE COMPANY has this day declared a semi-annual dividend of EIGHT PER CENT., upon the capital, payable to its stockholders, or to their legal representatives, on and after THURSDAY, 14th inst.

CHARLES PEIK, Secretary.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 12, 1869.

BANK OF KENTUCKY.—DIVIDEND.—THE Bank of Kentucky has declared a semi-annual Dividend of 4 per Cent., payable to the New-York stockholders on demand at the BANK OF AMERICA.

DIVIDENDS.

EIGHTY-FIRST DIVIDEND.

NORTH AMERICAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 78 BROADWAY.

CASH CAPITAL	$200,000
SURPLUS, Jan. 1, 1869	213,000
ASSETS	$413,000

The Board of Directors of this Company have this day declared a semi-annual DIVIDEND OF FIVE PER CENT., free of Government tax, payable on demand.

F. H. CARTER, Secretary.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 8, 1869.

OFFICE OF THE PACIFIC MUTUAL INSURANCE CO.,
NO. 176 BROADWAY,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 14, 1869.

A SCRIP DIVIDEND OF FORTY PER CENT., free of Government tax, on the business of the past year, has been declared, for which certificates will be issued April 6.

Six per Cent. interest on all outstanding scrip, will be paid on and after Feb. 2, at which date also the outstanding certificates of this Company, of the issue of 1864, will be redeemed in cash.

THOMAS HALE, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE FIREMEN'S FIRE INSURANCE CO.,
OF BROOKLYN, NO. 2 COURT-ST. AND 5 O. S.
WALL-ST., NEW-YORK, Jan. 11, 1869.

AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF Directors of this Company, held this day, DWIGHT JOHNSON, Esq., was unanimously re-elected President, and a semi-annual dividend was declared of FIVE (5) PER CENT., free of Government tax, payable on demand.

O. D. MILDEBERGER, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE BROOKLYN FERRY RAILROAD CO.,

SHIPPING.

ONLY DIRECT LINE TO FRANCE.

THE GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY'S MAIL STEAMSHIPS, BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND HAVRE, CALLING AT BREST.

This extensive route, in connection with the Paris and the Continent will sail from Pier No. 50 North-river as follows:

VILLE DE PARIS.....SUNBURY.....SATURDAY, Jan. 23
FRANCE.....DUCHESNE.....SATURDAY, Feb. 6
ST. LAURENT.....BOUSSEAU.....SATURDAY, Feb. 20

PRICES OF PASSAGE IN GOLD, (including wine) TO BREST OR HAVRE.

First cabin, $100; second cabin, $60.

Including railway tickets furnished on board.

First cabin, $140; second cabin, $80.

This steamship takes only one class of cabin passengers.

Medical attendance free of charge.

American travelers going to or returning from the Continent of Europe, taking the steamers at this line, avoid both transit by English railways, and the disagreeable ferry at crossing the Channel, besides having more comfortable accommodations.

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THE ANCHOR LINE.

Favorite Clyde-built Steamers are intended to sail

EVERY SATURDAY

From Pier No. 20, North River, as follows, viz:

ROW A.....Jan. 23 | ANCHORIA.....Feb. 6
CALEDONIA.....Jan. 30 | EUROPA.....Feb. 13
ARITANNIA.....Jan. 30 | ALGADIA.....Feb. 20

Rates of passage to Glasgow or Londonderry, including Cabins, to Liverpool, Glasgow or Derry, $80 and $70. Excursion, to return by any steamer within six months, $140. Steerage to Glasgow or Derry, $30; to Liverpool, $32. Children under 12 years, half price. Children under 1 year, free. Steerage bedding is not provided. Hamburg, Havre, Amsterdam, Antwerp, &c., at very low rates.

Drafts issued payable at any bank in Great Britain and Ireland.

For further information apply at the Company's office, No. 7 Bowling-green, New-York.

HENDERSON BROTHERS.

THE BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIPS BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT CORK HARBOR.

SAILING EVERY WEDNESDAY.

CUBA.....Jan. 20 | RUSSIA.....Feb. 10
ALPS.....Jan. 27 | CHINA.....Feb. 17
ASIA.....Feb. 3 | SCOTIA.....Feb. 24

Passage money payable in gold.

Cabin to Liverpool, $80 | Second Cabin.....$60
Cabin to Paris.....$140 | Steerage.....$40

No steerage passengers carried.

Bills of exchange on the Royal Mail Steamships are issued for any sum, and upwards, at the rate of £1 sterling and upwards.

Freight or passage apply at the Company's office, No. 4 Bowling-green.

E. CUNARD.

CUNARD LINE OF STEAMERS BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT QUEENSTOWN.

FROM NEW-YORK EVERY THURSDAY.

TRIPOLI.....Jan. 21 | PALESTINE.....Feb. 4
VANDALIA.....Feb. 11 | SIBERIA.....Feb. 18

RATES OF PASSAGE FROM NEW-YORK.

Cabin passage.....$80 | Steerage.....$30
Cabin passage.....$60 | Steerage.....$30 Gold

Steerage tickets from Liverpool or Queenstown at lowest rates.

For Freight or Passage, apply at No. 4 Bowling-green.

E. CUNARD.

FOR LIVERPOOL AND QUEENSTOWN.—The Inman Line of mail steamers are appointed to sail

CITY OF NEW-YORK.....Saturday, Jan. 23, 7 A. M.
CITY OF ANTWERP.....Saturday, Jan. 30, 1 P. M.
KANGAROO (via Halifax).....Tuesday, Jan. 26, 1 P. M.

and each succeeding SATURDAY and alternate WEDNESDAY, from Pier No. 45 North River.

RATES OF PASSAGE

NAVAGE IN GOLD.		NAVAGE IN CURRENCY.	
First Cabin	$100	Steerage	$30 and $35
To London	105	To London	40 and 45
To Paris	140	To Paris	45 and 50
Halifax	20	Halifax	20
St. John's, N. F.	30	St. John's, N. F.	30
Steerage Passage	30	Steerage Passage	30

Drafts issued for any amount at lowest rates. Passage forwarded to Havre, Hamburg, Bremen, &c., at reduced rates.

Tickets can be bought here at moderate rates by persons wishing to send for their friends.

For further information apply at the Company's Office.

JOHN G. DALE, Agent, No. 15 Broadway, New-York.

LIVERPOOL AND GREAT WESTERN STEAM COMPANY.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

From Pier No. 42 North River, WEDNESDAYS.

COLORADO.....3,015 tons.....Jan. 20, at 10 A. M.
GERMANIA.....2,200 tons.....Jan. 27, at 2 P. M.
HERMANN.....2,000 tons.....Feb. 3, at 7 A. M.
NEVADA (new).....2,500 tons.....Feb. 10, at 12 M.

Cabin passage, $80, gold; Steerage, $30, currency.

Tickets to bring out passengers from Liverpool can be obtained on favorable terms.

For freight or passage apply to

WILLIAMS & GUION, No. 11 Wall-st.

For steerage apply to

WILLIAMS & GUION, No. 29 Broadway.

NATIONAL LINE.

THE STEAMSHIP DENMARK, THOMPSON, WILL leave SATURDAY, Jan. 16, at 10 M., from Pier No. 47 North River.

Passage to Liverpool or Queenstown: Cabin, $100; Steerage, $30, currency.

Steerage tickets from Liverpool or Queenstown, $27, currency.

Apply at the Company's office, Nos. 69 Broadway.

E. W. J. HURST, Manager.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S THROUGH LINE TO

CALIFORNIA AND CHINA.

Through rates, New-York to San Francisco:

First Cabin. | Steerage.
$175 | $70
$125 | $50
$125 | $50
$175 | $70

Steamers of the above line leave Pier No. 42 North River, foot of Canal-st., at 12 o'clock M.

FOUR TIMES A MONTH

On 1st, 9th, 16th and 24th,

except when those days fall on Sunday, then the day previous.

One hundred pounds baggage free to each adult. Medicine and attendance free.

The steamship CORTEZ, Capt. King, connecting with SACRAMENTO, Capt. Farwell, steamer leaving Feb. 9 connects closely with steamer CHINA, leaving San Francisco March 4, 1869, for China and Japan.

For passage tickets and all further information apply at the Company's ticket office on the wharf, foot of Canal-st., North River.

H. BABY, Agent.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS BY PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.—Shipping Bills will be made on SATURDAY, Jan. 16, inst., for freight received until 4 P. M., FRIDAY, 15th inst. All former facilities afforded shippers on collections.

H. BABY, Agent.

FOR ST. THOMAS AND BRAZIL.—UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

REGULAR MAIL STEAMERS sailing on the 20th of each month:

HERMANOS, Capt. L. F. TESSEMAN, Jan. 20.
SOUTH AMERICA, Capt. J. L. THELLUSSON, Feb. 20.
BRAZILIAN, Capt. GEO. B. BLOUNT, March 20.

These substantial steamers have superior accommodations and call at St. Thomas, Para, Pernambuco, Bahia and Rio de Janeiro, going and returning. For engagements of freight or passage, apply to

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FOR NASSAU, N. P., CONNECTING UNDER CONTRACT WITH THE BAHAMA GOVERNMENT FOR CARRYING THE ENGLISH MAILS.

THE ATLANTIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY will sail from Pier No. 1 North River, the steamship MAGELLAN, Capt. M. B. GREENE, Jan. 20, at 3 o'clock P. M., and thereafter on the 20th of each month, from Pier No. 4 North River. For engagements of freight or passage apply to

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U. S. MAIL TO HAVANA.

ATLANTIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY

Sailing regularly every SATURDAY, at 3 o'clock P. M., from Pier No. 4 North River.

COLUMBIA, Capt. P. VAN BRUNT.....Jan. 16
MAGELLAN, Capt. R. CHERRY, via Nassau.....Jan. 23
MORRIS CASTLE, Capt. J. ADAMS.....Feb. 6

For freight or passage apply to

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HAVANA, DIRECT AND VERA CRUZ.—The New-York Mail Steamship Line of Steamers sail every twenty days. The fine steamship GUADALQUIVIR, Capt. F. HARRIS, will leave Pier No. 11 East River, on FRIDAY, Jan. 22, at 10 A. M. Passage to Havana, $35, currency, including gold.

F. ALEXANDER & SONS, No. 44 Beaver-st.

FOR MOBILE, VIA FERNANDINA ROUTE.

The Florida Railroad Company will dispatch the first-class steamer

FLAG, Capt. SOUTHER,

SATURDAY, Jan. 16, at 12 M., from Pier No. 3 North River, foot of Warren-st. Cargo delivered without extra charge at Mobile. A low rate of freight is guaranteed along and half per cent to Mobile. Through bills of lading issued on cotton, tobacco, merchandise, and all points in the interior at lower rates than any other line.

The splendid cabin accommodations for passengers by this route to Florida and the West Indies.

For freight or passage apply to

J. F. PATTERSON, Agent, No. 114 Chambers-st.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS DIRECT.

THE CROMWELL LINE.

Steamships of this line will leave Pier No. 1 North River, at 3 o'clock P. M., as follows:

HENRY CROMWELL.....SATURDAY, Jan. 16
GEO. CROMWELL.....SATURDAY, Jan. 23

Freight taken for St. Louis, Memphis, Galveston and Shreveport.

Low passage, first and second class, or freight apply to the agents, M. R. CROMWELL & CO., No. 3 West-st.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS, CALLING AT HAVANA, CARRYING THE UNITED STATES MAIL.

The well known fast sailing steamship

DE SOTO, Capt. R. RAYON, Commander,

will leave Pier No. 2 North River, on SATURDAY, Jan. 16, at 3 o'clock P. M.

Through rates and through bills of lading given to Galveston, Indianola, Port Lavaca, Brazos, Matagorda, Mobile, Ala., and to all points on the Mississippi River.

No Havana freight received on day of sailing.

For freight or passage apply on board, foot of Barclay-st.

LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., No. 29 Liberty-st.

FOR LAVANAH, SEMI-WEEKLY.

BLACK STAR INDEPENDENT LINE.

ATTENTION TO SHIPPERS.

The fine steamship MONTGOMERY will leave Pier No. 18 North River, on SATURDAY, Jan. 16, at 3 P. M.

For freight or passage apply to

E. LOWDEN, Agent, No. 18 West-st.

Cabin passage $35.

FOR CHARLESTON, S. C., THE FLORIDA PORTS AND THE SOUTH AND SOUTH-WEST.—REGULAR LINE.—The fine iron screw side-wheel steamship MAGNOLIA, W. H. CROWELL, Commander, will sail from Pier No. 1 North River, on THURSDAY, Jan. 21, at 12 M. Through bills of lading to all points South and South-west. Agents in Charleston, BAYNARD, A. CO. Forward all freight free of commission.

ARTHUR SEALY, No. 10 Broadway.

The steamship SARAGOSSA will sail for the following THURSDAY.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS BY PACIFIC MAIL Steamship Company.—Steamer ARIZONA sails on THURSDAY, Jan. 21, at 12 M., from Pier No. 42 North River.

Freight received until 4 P. M., WEDNESDAY, Jan. 20.

WELLS, FARGO & CO., Freight Agents.

DENTISTRY.

COLTON DENTAL ASSOCIATION offer the exclusive use of nitrous oxide gas, administered in the most approved manner, do nothing but what they especially do (the natural teeth), and do it cheaply. Dr. H. A. P. Cooper Institute.

RAILROADS.

LONG ISLAND RAILROAD.

Leave Hunters Point (foot of Newtown-av.) E. R.—Mail train for Greenport, stopping at Newtown, Huntington and Glen Cove, 7:30 A. M. Northport, Huntington and Glen Cove, 3:30 P. M. Hicksville and Glen Cove, 5:30 P. M. Hicksville and way stations. All trains connect with branch to Bergen-point. Sunday trip with 8:45 A. M. from Hunter's Point for Hicksville and way stations.

L. D. HARTON, Superintendent.

ERIE RAILWAY.—TRAINS LEAVE DEPOT foot of Chambers-street, Jersey City:

6:30 A. M.—Express, Passaic, Paterson, Suffern, Goshen, Corning, Hornellsville, Cleveland, Cincinnati, and all points West and South.

6:30 A. M.—Way Train, Daily, for Otisville and intermediate Stations.

10 A. M.—Express Mail, for Dunkirk, Cleveland, Cincinnati and all points West and South.

2:15 P. M.—Way Train, for Middletown and intermediate Stations.

4 P. M.—Way Express, stopping only at Stirling Junction, Turners and Hastings-west of Turner's, (except Otisville), to Binghamton, Warwick, Monroe, Unionville and Port Jervis.

5 P. M.—Way Train, for Suffern and intermediate Stations.

6 P. M.—Way Train, for Suffern and intermediate Stations.

6:30 P. M.—Night Express, Daily, for all points West and Southwest. Sleeping Cars through to Chicago will run through to Buffalo, Rochester and Dunkirk, without change.

8 P. M.—Steamer Train, Daily, for the Week.

Also Way Trains for Hackensack Park, Passaic and Paterson at 6:30 and 9:45 A. M., 12 M., 3:30 P. M. and 7:45, 11:15 P. M. and 9:45 A. M. on Wednesday morning. Leave Suffern at 11 o'clock for Suffern and stations on Northern Division.

SUNDAY TRAINS.—8:30 A. M., Way Train for Otisville. 1:45 P. M., for Paterson. 4:30 P. M., Mail Express, for Rochester, Buffalo, Dunkirk, Cleveland, Cincinnati and West. 11 P. M., for Paterson and Port Jervis.

Express Trains run through to Buffalo, Rochester, Dunkirk, Cleveland and Cincinnati without change of cars, and make direct connections with all Northern and Western lines.

Passenger accommodations and information concerning excursions all night trains.

Tickets can be obtained at the Company's offices, No. 241 Broadway and Depot foot of Chambers-st, New-York; also, at foot of Brady's Depot, Jersey City.

A. N. PARK, Gen'l Ticket Agent. H. HIDDER, Gen'l Superintendent.

HUDSON RIVER AND HARLEM RAILROADS.—On and after MONDAY, Nov. 16, 1868, trains for Albany and Troy will leave Depot, corner of Fourth-av. and 30th-st., as follows, viz: Express, 8:45 A. M., 4:45 P. M. Express with Parlor Cars, 12 M. Express with Sleeping Cars, 12:30 A. M. Express train via Hudson River Railroad, stopping at Albany only, 7 A. M. Express train via Hudson River Railroad, with Parlor Cars attached, 10 A. M. Express train via Hudson River Railroad, with Sleeping Cars attached, 11 P. M. Express train via Hudson River Railroad, with sleeping cars attached, and through to Buffalo and Suspension Bridge without change of cars. Also Express cars every day, except Sundays, leave New-York, foot of Chambers-st., at 7 A. M., and Albany at 2 P. M. Express train via Harlem Railroad, leaving Chatham-st. at 4 P. M., and arriving at Albany at 9:40 P. M. Accommodation train via Harlem Railroad, leaving Chatham-st. at 8 A. M., and arriving at Albany at 5:40 P. M. Express train via Harlem Railroad, leaving Chatham-st. at 8 P. M., and arriving at Albany at 5:40 P. M. Express train via Harlem Railroad, leaving Albany at 12 M., and arriving at New-York at 5 P. M.

WM. H. VANDERBILT, Vice-President.

NORTHERN RAILROAD OF NEW-JERSEY.—Trains will leave New-York by the Pavonia Ferry, foot of Chambers-st., as follows: 7 A. M., 1, 4:15, 6:15 and 6:30 P. M. and Saturdays only 12 noon and midnight. The 1 and 4:15 P. M. run through to Monroe. Nov. 2, 1868. THOS. W. DEMAREST, Supt.

STEAMBOATS.

FOR BOSTON VIA NEWPORT AND FALL RIVER.

BY THE OLD FALL RIVER LINE.

NEW-YORK AND BOSTON, NEWPORT, FALL RIVER, TAUNTON NEW-BEDFORD and OAK GLOVE TOWNS AND NANTUCKET.

Rates of fare and freight always as low as by any other regular line.

One of the Magnificent Steamboats, CITY OF NEW-YORK or OLD COLONY,

Leaves Pier No. 28 North River, foot of Murray-st., at 4 P. M. daily, Sundays excepted.

By this route passengers can take train from Newport at 6 A. M., and arrive in Boston at 6:10 A. M., in time to connect with all Northern and Eastern trains; or rest undisturbed in berths on board, and take 7:45 A. M. train, and arrive in Boston at early business hours.

E. LITTLEFIELD, Agent, No. 12 Broadway, N. Y.

NEW-YORK, Aug. 13, 1868.

STONINGTON LINE.

TO BOSTON AND PROVIDENCE.

GREAT INSIDE ROUTE—SHORTEST AND MOST DIRECT.

Fare always as low as by any other line.

The magnificent steamers will sail from foot of STONINGTON and NARRAGANSETT-st., Capt. GEO. S. HULL, Capt. WM. H. JONES, from Pier No. 8, foot of Jay-st., North River, daily, at 4 P. M., and leave Stonington on arrival of all other lines.

Tickets sold and state-rooms secured at the principal hotels, at No. 1 Astor House, and at the Company's office, No. 264 Broadway.

D. S. BABCOCK, President Stonington Steamboat Company.

FOR NEW-HAVEN, HARTFORD, &C.—Pare 2?. Steamer leaves Peck-slip for New-Haven at 3:15 and 11 P. M., connecting with railroad.

PROPOSALS.

FRESH BEEF AND VEGETABLES.

PAYMASTER'S OFFICE, UNITED STATES NAVY, 10 BOWLING-GREEN, New-York, Jan. 11, 1869.

SEALED PROPOSALS, indorsed "Proposals for Fresh Beef and Vegetables," will be received at this office until 12 o'clock M., on FRIDAY, the 22d day of January, for the supply of 200,000 pounds of Fresh Beef and 200,000 pounds of Fresh Vegetables, at the Brooklyn Navy-yard and Station, as required. The Beef and Vegetables must be of good quality, and the Beef must be of the best cuts, and each article must be delivered by the pound. The Beef to be in equal proportions, fore and hind quarters.

Bonds with approved security, will be required in one-half the estimated amount of the contract, and twenty per cent in addition will be withheld from the amount of each payment to be made, as collateral security for the due performance of the contract, which will, on no account, be paid until it is fully complied with.

Every offer made must be accompanied by a written guarantee, signed by one or more responsible persons, that the bidder or bidders will, if his or their bid be accepted, enter into an obligation within five days, with good and sufficient sureties, to fulfill the contract as proposed; the responsibility of the guarantors to be certified by the Assessor of Internal Revenue for the district in which they reside.

No proposal will be considered unless accompanied by such guarantee, and by satisfactory evidence that the bidder is a regular dealer in the article proposed, and has the means required by act of Congress.

It is to be understood that in case the stipulated quantity of either of the articles shall be delivered, leaving a balance due on the other article, the contract will be considered as completed in full, at the option of the Department.

The Department reserves the right to reject any proposal not considered advantageous to the Government.

J. G. SLEDGER, Paymaster U. S. Navy at New-York.

OFFICE OF THE NEW-ORLEANS, MOBILE AND CHATTANOOGA RAILROAD COMPANY, NEW-ORLEANS, Nov. 26, 1868.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Sealed proposals for constructing the portion of the New-Orleans, Mobile and Chattanooga Railroad between the cities of New-Orleans and Mobile, will be received at this office, in the city of New-Orleans, for the delivery of materials for and construction of 4,000 linear feet of trestle bridging, 20,000 lineal feet of piles and trestle foundations, and for the delivery of materials for the construction of 1,000 lineal feet of bridge, 20,000 lineal feet of piles and trestle foundations, and for the delivery of materials for the construction of 1,000 lineal feet of bridge, 20,000 lineal feet of piles and trestle foundations, and for the delivery of materials, will be received at the Company's office, in the City of New-Orleans, up to 12 o'clock A. M. Wednesday, Jan. 20, 1869.

Maps and profiles of the line, prices of structures and approximate amounts of work to be done, will be exhibited at the same office, on and after December 21, 1868, when blank forms will be furnished for contracts, specifications, proposals, and bids.

All proposals to be addressed to Henry Van Vleck, Chief Engineer New-Orleans, Mobile and Chattanooga Railroad Company, New-Orleans, La.

The Company reserves the right to reject any proposal which for any reason may be deemed to be disadvantageous.

HENRY A. RAYSOR, President N. O., M. and C. R. R. Co.

Office of the Company in New-York, No. 31 Pine-st.

OFFICE OF ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL, COR. OF HOUSTON AND GREENE-STS., NEW-YORK CITY, JAN. 8, 1869.

SEALED PROPOSALS IN DUPLICATE, with a copy of this advertisement attached to each, will be received at this office until 12 M., on WEDNESDAY, JAN. 20, 1869, for the removal of two frame buildings at Fort Hamilton, New-York Harbor, or one and a half of the buildings, the dimensions of the buildings being: 1st Building, 40 x 100 ft., each building having a porch front and rear.

Plans and specifications of the work can be seen at this office.

Bidders must state the time within which they will complete the work, and will be required to give guarantee (two responsible sureties) for the faithful compliance with the agreement.

The Government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

Payment will be made when the work is completed, upon the certificate of the Acting Assistant Quartermaster at Fort Hamilton.

EUTUS INGALLS, Brevet Major-Gen., and Asst. Quar. Gen. U. S. A.

MARBLE MANTELS.

MARBLEIZED SLATE MANTELS.

In great variety and elegant designs.

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Slabs, plain and marbleized, slate tops made to order. A discount to the trade. A

Queries and Answers, Middle Granville, N. Y.

48 West 14th-st., between 5th and 6th-avs., New-York.

MARBLE AND SLATE MANTELS OF the latest designs, at low prices, as A. ELLIOTT'S, 1 Mercer-st., near Broadway. Mantels put up in the country. Cut stone.

MARBLE MANTELS, HEAD-STONES, at reduced prices. A. ELBERT, Manufacturer, No. 3 1st-av., cor. 2d-st. Mantels put up in the country. Cut stone.

MARBLEIZED SLATE, DECORATED MARBLE AND MARBLE MANTELS, TILES AND ALPHAN DESIGNS. F. S. STEWART, 1 West 14th-st., near Broadway. Branch No. 1,033 Broadway.

STATIONERY.

SLOTE & SLAPS,

Stationers, Printers and Blank Book Manufacturers, No. 50 Nassau-st. Orders solicited.

BOARDING AND LODGING.

TWO GENTLEMEN, OR GENTLEMAN and lady, can be accommodated with a furnished or partly furnished room, with or without board, at 1 Washington-square, (Hall's Hotel), or No. 208 East 14th-st., near Second-av.

FIFTH-AV., OPPOSITE THE REVOCOTT House.—A suite of desirable rooms, with private table if required; also a single room, with board in a first-class house. No. 19 5th-st.

BOARD WANTED BY A GENTLEMAN and his wife; parlor and bedroom with private table; neighborhood of Madison-square preferred; location between 18th and 34th sts., and 5th and 8th avs. Address with terms, Box 3,000, Station F, Post Office.

TWO GENTLEMEN WISHING TO BOOM and board can be accommodated with a large front room, with modern improvements, in a first-class house, with full or partial board. Call at No. 201 East 19th-st., between 3d and 2d avs.

NO. 4 EAST-10TH-ST., ONE DOOR from 5th-av.—Furnished apartments, three rooms en suite, with convenience opposite, to let with parlors; table only.

TO LET—IN NINTH WARD, PARLOR AND bedroom, furnished, with partial board, to single gentleman or gentleman; family private. Apply at No. 10 Greenwich-st.

A PRIVATE FAMILY, AT NO. 12 WEST 4th-st., near Broadway, will receive a lady or gentleman, nicely furnished connecting rooms to let; three rooms front, rear the street. Best of references required.

NO. 17 EAST 14TH-ST., NEW-YORK.—An elegant suite of rooms on second floor front, to let with board; will be vacated Jan. 15. Reference required.

TO LET—TO A SINGLE GENTLEMAN, (WITH or without board), a front room on the second floor, with a small bedroom if desired. Inquire at No. 150 East 18th-st., between 3d and 4th avs.

NO. 58 15TH-ST., NEAR IRVING-PLACE.—Single room on second floor, handsomely furnished; also one on fourth floor, with first-class board. References required.

NO. 49 EAST 9TH-ST., NEAR BROADWAY.—To let, with board, one large room on third floor, suitable for a gentleman and wife or two single gentlemen; rare accommodation.

TWO GENTLEMEN AND THEIR WIVES in a family nicely furnished rooms, with first-class table; may be accommodated at No. 20 West 19th-st. Reference exchanged.

ONE OR TWO GENTLEMEN CAN BE ACcommodated with furnished rooms and board at moderate prices, convenient to all the cars. No. 61 Grand-st.

TWO OR THREE GENTLEMEN CAN BE ACcommodated with board, or rooms without board, at No. 107 East 26th-st., near 4th-av.

FIFTH-AV., NO. 135—A PARLOR FLOOR with private table; also, a parlor and bedroom on the second floor.

BOARD.—TWO FRONT ROOMS ON THIRD floor to let, and at No. 41 East 21st-st; late or early dinner to suit; terms moderate; unexceptionable.

A VERY HANDSOMELY FURNISHED second floor to let, either, single or suites; very desirable location. Apply at No. 106 West 38d-st.

AT NO. 678 BROADWAY, THIRD DOOR above 14th-st.—Very desirable furnished rooms, single or en suite.

NO. 30 WEST 16TH-ST.—FIRST-CLASS rooms with board.

A LARGE ROOM ON THE SECOND floor, handsomely furnished, to let, with board. No. 15 West 34th-st.

A PRIVATE FAMILY HAS ELEGANT rooms with board. Apply at No. 12 West 34th-st.

A LARGE ROOM ON THE FOURTH floor to let, with board, at No. 46 East 21st-st.

CITY REAL ESTATE.

ELEVENTH-AV., BOULEVARD, NEAR 145th-st.—24 beautiful lots, cheap; also, large and small plots on and near the Boulevard, 11th, 8th, Nicholas-av., 1st and 2d-avs., 8th to 20th-sts. Some with improvements; bargains.

W. F. REYMOUR, No. 171 Broadway.

FOR SALE—ONE OR MORE OF THOSE NEW four-story high-stoop brown-stone houses on the north side of 54th-st., between 7th and Madison-avs.; finished in a superior manner. Inquire of the owner on the premises, (possession immediately,) JOHN C. SARGENT.

FOR SALE—AN EXTRA LARGE AND FINE four-story house, with extended back building; located on 10th-st., between Broadway and 4th-av. Possession May 1. Apply to

HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

FOR SALE—THE DESIRABLE PROPERTY No. 148 Lexington-av., near Houston-st.; also No. 210 Sullivan-st., near Bleecker-st.; well located for investment. Apply to

A. JOURNEAY, No. 1 Pine-st.

FOR SALE—THE FULL SIZE BROWN-STONE front house No. 14 West 17th-st., between 5th and 6th avs., three stories front and four stories rear; in good order and early possession. Apply to HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

TO LEASE FOR A TERM OF YEARS—A plot of ground, 6,000, in West-st., between Franklin and Harrison-sts.; also a plot of ground 42x100 on Front-st., near Fulton-st. Apply to the best of references from last employer. Can be seen at No. 16 East 17th-st.

TO INVESTORS—FOR SALE, BELOW 14TH-st. and between 6th and 7th avs., a large plot of ground, through from street to street, with 18 good dwelling buildings. Apply to HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

FOR SALE—FIFTEEN LOTS ON THE BOULEvard and 126th-st., eighteen lots at Fort Washington, and seventeen acres at White Plains. Terms easy. C. T. LEONARD, No. 35 John-st.

BROADWAY—FOR SALE—A LOT 24x100, OR less if desired, near the Metropolitan Hotel, with possession May 1, 1869. Apply to HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

FOR SALE.—A DOUBLE STORE IN MURRAY-st., near Church, 24x75. $60,000. Apply to HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

FOR SALE—FOUR LOTS OF GROUND, EACH 25x100, south side of 41st-st., 200 feet west of 10th-av. Apply at No. 6 Beekman-st., Room No. 5, first floor.

A LIST OF HOUSES, BUSINESS PROPERties, Tenements and Lots mailed free by STANLEY DAY, No. 225 Broadway.

BROOKLYN REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE—TO MANUFACTURERS OR PUBlic exhibitors, a large two-story building, 40x75; ground floor; gas and water; on a business avenue in Brooklyn; price, $8,000. Inquire of the owner, to be seen at the office. GEO. HUSSEY, No. 55 William-st., New-York.

FOR SALE ON BROOKLYN HEIGHTS.—The three-story frame house, with brick basement and stable, No. 2 and 4 Clarke-st., corner Columbia; terms easy. For permits to see the houses apply at No. 119 Columbia-st., Brooklyn.

FOR SALE—LAND BY THE ACRE IN BROOKlyn; whole blocks, near Prospect Park and the new Boulevards; also, desirable building lots in all parts of the city. M. A. MULLADY & CO., No. 6 Beekman-st., New-York.

COUNTRY REAL ESTATE.

ORANGE, N. J.—VILLAS, VILLA SITES AND farms, great variety, beautifully situated one hour from New-York; for sale low. Also, country seats and farms to let for the season, or by the year. J. BACHELLER & SMITH, No. 249 Broadway, New-York, 9 to 11 A. M.; Orange, corner Main and Olive sts., 1 to 4 P. M.

ICE-HOUSES FOR SALE, FOUR HOUSES 100 feet long, each 40 by 80 feet, 25 feet high, well built, situated on the Hackensack River, near Bergen, Gardiner and Hallowell. Apply to James Weaver, 127 Duane-st., between 6th and 7th avs.

A DESIRABLE RESIDENCE AND COUntry place, 14 miles out, beautifully located, Northern Railway; facilities for sale cheap; small, near Brooklyn; house taken in part payment.

W. F. REYMOUR, No. 171 Broadway.

DESIRABLE REAL ESTATE AT ORANGE, N. J.

HAMILTON & WALLIS, No. 9 Nassau-st., corner Pine.

A LIST OF RESIDENCES, FARMS, Lots, building sites, Tenements, Business Properties, mailed free by STANLEY DAY, 225 Broadway.

HOUSES & ROOMS WANTED.

WANTED TO LEASE—SOME FIRST-CLASS tenement houses for respectable families, for which a fair rent and the best City reference will be given. Apply to, or address, W. J. BURKE, store No. 61 Elizabeth-st.

COPARTNERSHIP NOTICES.

THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing under the firm name of LAWRENCE & McCORMICK is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

JAMES McCORMICK.

FRANK LAWRENCE will continue the business of buying and selling stocks on commission, at No. 41 Broad-st.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 11, 1869.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1869.

MR. GEORGE H. BROWN, OF THE FIRM OF GEORGE H. BROWN & CO., 16 Broad-st., has this day joined our New-York and London firms, which will be continued under the firm name of SAYRE, BROWN & BLISS & CO., New-York, and L. F. MORTON, SUPPLEE & CO., London.

L. F. MORTON & CO.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1869.

THIS DAY, CLARENCE B. BROWN, OF New-York, retires from, and FREDERICK CHALMERS, of Liverpool, is admitted to participating in our several firms.

BROWN BROTHERS & CO.

COPARTNERSHIP.—WE HAVE THIS DAY associated DANIEL S. COMSTOCK, FRANCIS LEE and JOHN WILFORD with us in business.

Style of the firm remains unchanged.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1869. WM. YOUNG & CO.

BUSINESS CHANCES.

WANTED—A PARTNER WITH $20,000, EITHER active or special, to take an interest in the stock commission business with one, that will, one of them a member of the Board; the best of references given. Address STOCK, Box No. 189 Times Office. Strictly respondents and seeking such connection, Young men interview can be had.

THE ADVERTISER, DOING A GENeral country store business, in a village not far from New-York, desires a partner, either special or active, with a capital of $10,000 to $20,000. Reference given and required. Address B. P., Box No. 138 Times Office.

PARTNER WANTED—WITH $1,000 OR $10,000, in an established, working business. Address T. R., Box No. 181 Times Office.

LOST AND FOUND.

$50 REWARD—LOST OR STOLEN, CERtificate No. 11,488 for $10,000 United States 6-20s, five per cent, stock, registered in name of Grant Thornton, Jr., and assigned on the back to E. F. Spencer. All persons are cautioned against negotiating the same. Fair delivery will be paid to the returner to the SECRETARY PEOPLE'S BANK, No. 32 Broad-st.

LOST—YESTERDAY, A BLACK AND TAN LAP-DOG, answering to the name of "Dewey." The finder will be rewarded by returning to 13 West 14th-st.

HORSES AND CARRIAGES.

A TRUCK, GOOD GREAT-BARE-DOUBLE-R. Apply at Hilliard's Hotel, Jersey City.

FOR SALE—ONE FINE BOB-TAIL BAY HORSE for sale, built or express road; also any small money, from $50 to five dollars and upwards. Apply to J. STEVENSON, No. 8, Greenwich-st., corner Rector-st., or No. 108 Ludlow-st., Class 3, Ward 8.

FOR SALE—ONE FINE BOB-TAIL BAY HORSE for sale, built or express road; also any small money, from $50 to five dollars and upwards. Apply at No. 203 West 26th-st.

FOR SALE—TWO HORSES, TWO CARTS AND harness, suitable for peddling; one sound 7 years old, sound and kind, fit for cart, truck, or any work; also one light horse, at No. 411 East 11th-st.

FOR SALE—ONE TEAM OF MULES; INQUIRE at PETER KERRIGAN'S stables, Grand-st., between Newark-av. and Jersey, Hoboken. Call at 14 Grand-st., in Hoboken.

FOR SALE—14 LARGE DRAFT HORSES AND 4 mares, all young and sound, and weighing from 1,400 to four-fifty each; and harness; No. 80 New-Chambers-st., one family house for sale.

SITUATIONS WANTED.

FEMALES.

WANTED—BY A MIDDLE-AGED WOMAN, A situation to take care of one or two grown children; is a good seamstress; good references. Call for two days at No. 149 East 34th-st., between Lexington and 3d-avs., from 12 till 1.

WANTED—AT BOOKHAM'S, NO. 10 6TH-AV., City or country situations for a large number of first-class cooks, cooks washers and ironers, laundresses, waitresses, nurses, housemaids, and seamstresses, housekeepers, for private families, hotels, boarding-houses, &c.

WANTED—BY A VERY RESPECTABLE WOMAN, a place to obtain employment by the day; understands all kinds of housework; or would take in some washing at her own residence. Has the best City references as to capability and honesty. Address No. 18 West 30th-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A COMPETENT, trustworthy American woman as chambermaid and plain seamstress; would attend a lady and make herself generally useful; operates on Wheeler and Wilson's machine; good references. Address M. J., Box No. 148 Times Office.

WANTED—BY A PROTESTANT WOMAN, A situation as first-class cook, or would go out by the day; understands all kinds of cooking; has the best of City references. Can be seen for two days at No. 412 East 12th-st., below 1st-av., first floor, back room.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A RESPECTAble young married woman as wet nurse, with a fresh healthy child; can give the best of City references. Call or address No. 245 9th-av., between 23d and 24th sts., for two days.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A VERY RESpectable Protestant young woman as laundress or chambermaid and laundress, or fine washer; can iron, do up the muslins, &c.; good City testimonials; economical with dress. Call at No. 205 Greene-st., near Bleecker-st.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE YOUNG woman, a situation as chambermaid; understands sewing, ladies and dressers of all kinds; is an excellent baker; will assist in house cleaning. City references. Apply at No. 203 West 37th-st., in the rear.

WANTED—BY A PROTESTANT ENGLISH Protestant woman as first-class cook; understands her business perfectly; has unexceptionable City references. Apply at No. 38 Gold-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS COOK; IS WILLing to do some of the washing; City references given. Call at No. 31 West 26th-st., between 6th and 7th avs.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS WAITRESS; A lady wishes to procure a situation for a first-class waitress. Apply at her present employer's, No. 26 West 26th-st.

WANTED—BY A GERMAN GIRL, A SITUAtion to do general housework, or to wait on sewer and ironer; best of references. Apply at No. 17 Stanton-st., near Bowery.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE GIRL, A situation in a private family; is a good cook and washer; and excellent washer and ironer; best City references. Call for two days at No. 31 Marion-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A GOOD GERman girl, to do general housework. Call at No. 168 2d-st., first floor, between Avenues A and B.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY

THE GERARD BANQUET.

Complimentary Banquet by the New-York Bar to James W. Gerard, Esq.

Speeches of Hon. F. B. Cutting, James W. Gerard, Hon. Samuel Blatchford, David Paul Brown, David D. Field and Others.

A complimentary banquet to JAMES W. GERARD, Esq., was given last evening at DELMONICO'S by the members of the New-York Bar. It will be remembered that a short time since Mr. GERARD announced his intention of retiring from active practice. Mr. GERARD was admitted to the New-York Bar in 1824, and is now the oldest practitioner. In 1844 his name appears in the City Directory as residing within a few doors of the present office, No. 45 William-street.

The banquet of last evening was gotten up in DELMONICO's best style, and was partaken of by some 300 guests, among whom were Judge Blatchford, Chas. O'Conor, David D. Field, James E. Beebly, Judge Benedict, Ex-Recorder Talmadge, Justice Barbour, Judge Henry E. Davies, Ex-Judge Whiting, N. S. Wansbury, David Paul Brown, of Philadelphia, Luther R. Marsh, William M. Evarts, R. Cutler Dorman, John Brougham, City Judge Bedford, Ex-Judge Rodenbeck, Rev. Dr. A. Washburne, Mr. F. Robinson, of California, Rev. Alexander McCoul, D. D.; Hiram Ketchum, Judge Henry E. Davies, Judge Brennan, Chas. D. Kirkland, Wm. Fullerton, A. J. Vanderpoel, G. A. Sanville, R. B. Smith, John McKeon, Rufus R. Perkins, Judges Ingraham, Jones and Sutherland, John A. Stewart, Hon. Richard O'Gorman and Judge Monell, Hon. F. B. Cutting presided.

The Rev. Dr. Chapin, Rev. Mr. Newman returned thanks. Letters were then read from Gov. HOFFMAN, JOHN H. B. LATHAM, Chief Justice of the Court of Appeals of Maryland; WARD HUNT, Attorney-General EVARTS and Judge NELSON, of the United States Supreme Court, regretting their inability to be present on the occasion.

HON. F. B. CUTTING'S SPEECH.

Mr. CUTTING then rose and said that it was customary on occasions of this kind to review the career of the person in whose honor the entertainment was given, but if he now did so, he should be obliged to dwell on the qualities of his friend and extend his refined and delicate sentiments. He would, therefore, defer it to another occasion. Nevertheless, there were points in the career of his friend present to all. First, during his long life and amid the angry and exciting scenes in which he had taken a part did any one see anything unbecoming his having forgotten the courtesy and kindness which he manifested under all circumstances? Never did he undertake to throw back a bitter repartee, though few men were better able to do it, but answered always with kindness. Did ever one know any person as poor and unpraised to apply to him for help, that it was not offered him readily as to the rich and powerful? He might ask did any one ever leave the Bar more pure, more bright and brilliant than his friend? A more dangerous opponent than Mr. GERARD was never encountered at the Bar, and the weaker his cause, the more dangerous he was. Bold, skillful and intrepid in attack, he was very and astute in defence. Mr. CUTTING then spoke of the public services Mr. GERARD had rendered—of his successful efforts to put the Police in uniform, and to put down the crying of newspapers in the public streets on Sunday, and also of the aid rendered by him in the cause of public education. Mr. CUTTING concluded by giving as the first toast, "Our Guest."

RESPONSE OF MR. GERARD.

In response to this toast, Mr. GERARD, who on rising was received with enthusiasm, said: I have addressed various assemblages of people, on all sorts of occasions, up to this thousand, and I have never been afraid, never felt nervous, never was intimidated; nor am I now. [Great laughter.] But I labor under a feeling that I find difficult to describe. I am oppressed and overcome by the kindness of my old and young friends, members of the bar, and no language that I possess can express the gratitude I feel for this beautiful compliment. [Applause.] as unexpected as I am afraid it is undeserved. [Cries of "No, no," with applause.] I ascribe it, however, to the kindness of those around me, and as an acknowledgment that for five and forty years I have endeavored to maintain the credit of our profession, the dignity, the propriety and the honor of the Bar. [Applause.] I therefore accepted the compliment and here I am, and when I have got through I will stop. [Applause and laughter.] Some may object, for lawyers always object, [laughter,] way do you take two valedictories? At the Evarts dinner you bid us good-bye forever, and here you are again. I answer the objection. [Laughter.] Every actor, even from the days of Roscius down to the present day, having got through the minute stage of life, has taken half a dozen benefits. [Laughter.] And why cannot I, who have played many parts upon the real stage of life, in tragedy, in comedy, in melodrama, and I may almost say in farce, take at least two valedictories. [Great laughter.] It may be asked by some, why do you do this? I will give you my reasons. One is, that there is no necessity for me to work and longer. [Applause.] Another is, that I have bothered my brains with other people's affairs for five and forty years, and I want rest. The third is that I go upon the Democratic principle of retaining in office. [Applause and laughter.] I therefore surrender my mantle to my young friends, who, I hope, will wear it gracefully. [Laughter.] I intend to-night to give you a little of my autobiography for the benefit of my young friends. I want to show to them by my example, that perseverance and energy can do, and what it can teach them. I hope they will strike from their vocabulary any such word as fail, and put over their office the motto "Excelsior." [Hearty applause.] I have before me my speech (holding up a small piece of paper) which I spake at the reporters. I have been often asked by them, will you give me a copy of your speech? I have answered, yes, if you will split even, and, yes, I have never, since I have been at the bar, uttered an sence before a court and jury that I had committed to memory. [Applause.] I form the skeleton beforehand, and then I cover it with muscle and flesh and ligaments and nerves as I proceed, and make as perfect a being as I can. In doing so I depend upon two splendid helps that have never failed me—Providence and spontaneous combustion. [Cheers and great merriment.] Mr. GERARD here related some of his early experiences as a member of the Bar, deducing from them the moral he had proved, that patience and energy are the sure means of success. He also related the circumstances connected with his successful efforts to establish reformatory asylums and houses of refuge, and generally to promote the cause of education and morality. In doing so he spoke of several of the older and more honored members of the bar, living and dead. He then continued as follows: Now, gentlemen, you will ask this question of me as an instructor, How shall we be successful? [Laughter.] I will tell you. You are to approach them by creating the atmosphere that surrounds the Court. My advice to all attorneys and barristers ever associated with me has been, get all you can honestly, but always keep the barometer, Have more but honest cases if you can. Take care not to offend the prejudices of the jury. Take care to be courteous in your manner to your adversary; by that means you will make an impression upon the jury that will not be lost when you come to address them for a verdict. When must you make that atmosphere? Begin right off—when you open your case. The old method was for the plaintiff's lawyer to say as little as possible in opening, as if he intended to conceal the merits of the case. Then the defendant's counsel did the same in his opening. Then the plaintiff's counsel put in a little evidence as he could, the defendant's counsel then put in as little as he could, and so on, and by this slow work they tired the jury. My theory was, the first time you have a chance, gain your cause. [Applause.] Always regard the truth, for if you do not, you will be found out. Never overrate your case, for make your opening too strong, and if you fail then you can easily defend it. The cases are gained in the opening to one that is gained at the close. Juries make up their minds long before the end of a cause. The first question they put to themselves is the old one of Pilate, "What is truth?" Some may defend Mr. O'CONOR. [Cheers for Mr. O'CONOR.] He learned it in the London courts and introduced the practice here. I believe I was the first visitor, [laughter,] but I applied the rule to a great many others. [Renewed laughter.] Now, in what style shall a lawyer speak to a jury? That depends upon the size of the court-room. You cannot have a tempest in a teapot. If, therefore, your court-room is small, as our court-rooms now are, you cannot speak to 50 jurors. It must be put in as little as